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OF

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AT THEIR

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MINUTES.

Nashua, Aug. 22, 1843.

The General Association of New Hampshire, assembled this day at 10 o'clock, A. M. in the meeting house of the Rev. Austin Richards, and was opened by a sermon by the Rev. John Richards of Hanover, from John 4; 24.

The preacher then took the chair, and certificates of membership were presented, from which it appeared, that the following delegates were appointed.

Association.	*Ministers.*
Belknap	Joseph Lane
	Daniel Lancaster
Caledonia	Erasmus J. Carpenter
Deerfield	Winthrop Fifield
	Ephr. N. Hidden
Derry	P. B. Day
	T. G. Brainard
	Samuel Ordway
Harmony	John Wilde
Hollis	Bezaleel Smith
	M. Hale Smith
	A. B. Warner
Hopkinton	A. P. Tenny
	B. F. Foster
	Isaac Knight
Lancaster	Horace Wood
Monadnock	Alanson Alvord
	O. C. Whiton
	Giles Lyman
Orange	John Thompson
	none
Piscataqua	J. S. Young
	Wm. J. Newman
	S. Nichols
Sullivan	John Richards
	Samuel Mason
	Phineas Cook
Union	Isaac Willey
	James R. French
	Albert Manson
Gen. Assembly Pres. Church	J. C. Lord, D. D.
Gen. Association of Mass.	H. A. Tracy
Gen. Association Vermont	C. B. Batchelder
Gen. Association Connecticut	None
Gen. Conference Maine	
Secretary	Z. S. Barstow
Treasurer	A. Burnham
Ministers of the place	Austin Richards
	M H. Smith

Rev. John Richards, was chosen Moderator, Rev. O. C. Whiton, Scribe, and Rev. W. Fifield, Assistant Scribe.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, after which adjourned till half past one, P. M.

Met according to adjournment, when the standing rules of the Association were read.

Rev. Messrs. A. Burnham, A. P. Tenny and I. Willey were appointed a Committee of nomination.

Rev. Messrs. B. P. Day, J. C. Lord, C. R. Batchelder, B. Smith and B. F. Foster were appointed a committee to take minutes from the narratives on the state of religion, and make a report, after which the narratives were presented, and the exercises closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Lord.

A communication was received from the Congregational and Presbyterian Union of Wisconsin, expressing a desire for fraternal correspondence with this body. Whereupon it was

Voted, That we reciprocate the sentiments of the communication through the Secretary of the Association.

The Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund made their report, which was accepted and adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Treasurer of the Association made his report, which was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Voted, That the Secretary of this body communicate our sympathies to the Free Presbyterians of Scotland.—Accordingly the Secretary presented a letter which he had prepared, which was approved and directed to be sent.

Voted, That the following persons be appointed a Committee to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of this body, viz:

Rev. Messrs. J. French, E. L. Parker, J. Curtis, A. W. Burnham, N. Bouton, P. Cook, G. Punchard, N. Lord, D. D., J. Woods, Z. S. Barstow, A. Bodwell and D. Perry.

Rev. Messrs. John Woods and Daniel Lancaster, were appointed a Committee to fix on the place for the next meeting of the Association, and to designate the Association which shall appoint the preacher. Who subsequently reported the South Church in Con-

cord, as the place, and the Union Association to appoint the preacher, which was adopted.

Voted to refer a communication from the Deerfield Association, on the subject of slavery, to the Committee to whom was referred the last year an overture from the Monadnock Association, and also a communication from the Free Will Baptist connection on the subject of slavery; which Committee was to report to this body this year.

Rev. Jonathan Clement, from the Committee appointed for the purpose, read a Pastoral letter to the churches, which was accepted and recommitted to the same Committee for revision.—(See Appendix.)

Voted to adjourn to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, to meet in Rev. Mr. Smith's meeting house. Prayer by Rev. A. Burnham.

Wednesday morning, Aug. 23.—Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. J. R. French. Minutes of yesterday's session were read.

Rev. Messrs. A. Burgess and I. Willey were appointed to prepare a pastoral letter for next year.

Delegates to foreign bodies last year made a report, which was accepted.

The Committee appointed to modify the exercises of the General Association made a report, which was accepted and adopted, which is as follows: (See Appendix.)

The following persons were appointed delegates to corresponding bodies for the next year, viz:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Philadelphia,—Rev. George Punchard, Primary; Rev. Charles Shedd, Substitute.

General Association of Connecticut,—Rev. N. Bouton, Primary; Rev. S. Knight, Substitute.

General Convention, Vermont—Rev. Darwin Adams, Primary; Rev. John Thompson, Substitute.

General Association, Massachusetts,—Rev. John Woods, Primary; Rev. P. Cook, Substitute.

General Conference, Maine,—Rev. I. Willey, Primary; Rev. J. R. French, Substitute.

The Evangelical Consociation, R. I.—Rev. J. M. Putnam, Primary; Rev. E. N. Hidden, Substitute.

The hour having arrived to hear addresses from agents of benevolent societies, the Association gave way, and heard Rev. Mr. Bliss, in behalf of the Tract cause; Rev. Mr. Clark, in behalf of American Board; Rev. Mr. Miller, in behalf of the Peace Society; Rev. E. Beecher, D. D. and Rev. L. Beecher, D. D. in behalf of Western Institutions.

Gave place to the N. H. Branch of the Education Society.

After the exercises of this Society, the Association resumed business, and voted to adjourn till a quarter before one o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.—Heard the report of the Committee that was appointed last year to report on the overture from the Monadnock Association, and also one from the Free Will Baptist connection; both on the subject of slavery, which report was adopted, and it was

Voted, That the report be communicated to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, by our delegates to that body at its next meeting.

Voted to give place to the New Hampshire Branch of the American Bible Society, and the N. H. Sabbath School Union.

Rev. Mr. Bullard addressed the meeting in behalf of the Union; after which, Mr. Spaulding made a few remarks in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Society.

Association resumed business. The Committee to whom was committed the resolutions of the Deerfield Association reported, that they should be unable to attend to the subject at the present meeting of the body; whereupon after various remarks, it was vot-

ed, that the resolutions be laid upon the table.

Voted, That this body feels interested in the circulation of the Congregational Journal, and having with much satisfaction observed its increasing usefulness, recommend, that efforts be made to sustain it, and enlarge its circulation.

Voted, That no tax be assessed on the several district associations for the next year.

Rev. Erdix Tenny was appointed preacher at the communion season next year, and Rev. J. R. Young, Substitute.

Rev. A. Burnham was chosen Treasurer, and Rev. N. Bouton Auditor for the next year.

Voted, That the Scribes together with Rev. A. Burnham, be a publishing committee.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. J. Curtis, I. Knight and J. Richards, be a Committee to correspond with a Committee of the General Convention of Vermont on the subject of church psalmody and music.

Resolved by this General Association, that as the Western Literary and Theological Seminaries are vital to the best interests of our whole country, and to the conversion of the world, they be commended to the prayers and contributions of our churches.

Resolved, That this body approve of the organization, which has been formed to aid those Institutions, and that they will give their influence in its behalf.

Voted to adjourn to tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock then to meet in Rev. Mr. Richards' meeting house. Prayer by Rev. J. Woods.

Thursday, Aug. 24. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Foster. After reading the minutes of yesterday's session,

Voted, That the thanks of the General Association, be presented to the good people of Nashua, through their Pastors, Messrs. Richards and Smith, for their hospitality and kindness, and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

The Committee on the state of religion within the bounds of this body, made a report which was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Pastors in connexion with this Association, to make more constant use of the Assembly's Catechism in the instruction of the young.

Voted to accept the foregoing, as the correct minutes of this meeting.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Clark,—Voted, to adjourn *sine die*.

JOHN RICHARDS, Moderator.
O. C. WHITON, Scribe.
W. FIFIELD, Assistant Scribe.

True copy of the original minutes.
Attest—
O. C. WHITON, Scribe.

Appendix.

STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the fourth Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M. by a Concio ad Clerum by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a Moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Minister of the place of the meeting, the Secretary of the N. H. Missionary Society, ex-officio, and Delegates from District Associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every Association, two from every Association of seven members, three from every Association of thirteen members, and four from every Association of twenty members. No minister shall be count-

ed or represented in two Associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate, who has not received ordination.

5. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The Secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the committee of overtures, as occasion shall require.

A committee of three shall be early chosen by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred, for them to report thereon, and also be a committee of overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more then twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the Secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The District Associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c. and the number of young men under twenty-five years of age, and the number who are preparing for the ministry in each church.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each Association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the Secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The publishing committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the District Associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the State.

20. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

MODIFICATION OF THE EXERCISES.

The Committee appointed last year to meet and modify the exercises of the General Association having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully report:

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, your committee recommend that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past. With a view to this, they recommend that in addition to morning prayer-meetings, public religious services, under the direction of the Pastor of the place, be held every evening during the session: that the narratives on the state of religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accom-

panied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers: That Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the N. H. Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the N. H. Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then such other objects, as the Association shall direct and time will allow—and finally, that a sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes be preached before the communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed, the year previous, by the General Association.

In behalf of the Committee,
N. BOUTON.

Aug. 1843.

REPORT ON THE WIDOW'S FUND.

The Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund, report to the General Association of New Hampshire, That they held their annual meeting, at the house of their President in Concord, June 7, 1843, and elected,—

Rev. N. Bouton, President; Rev. A. Burnham, Secretary; Hon. F. N. Fisk, Treasurer; Rev. Messrs. Bouton and Noyes, Auditors.

Messrs. Bouton, Burnham and Fisk, Prudential Committee.

Then proceeded to elect two Trustees instead of Samuel Fletcher, Esq. who had removed out of the State; and Rev. E. Hill, and elected Hon. Samuel Morrill and Dea. Abner B. Kelley.

The Trustees took under consideration the expediency of altering the Constitution, and voted to propose to the Pastoral Convention, and to the General Association, that whereas the Constitution now requires all the officers to be chosen by ballot, it be so far altered, that the Trustees may choose the Prudential Committee and the auditors by ballot, or otherwise.

The Convention concurred with the Trustees in this proposal.

After the adjournment of the meeting, the Committee met and appropriated,

To Mrs. Patty Walker,	$20,00
Mrs. B. Hall,	20,00
Mrs. Nichols,	20,00
Mrs. M. Pillsbury,	20,00
Mrs. M. Dow,	20,00
Amounting to	$100,00

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Trustees, by

A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

Pembroke, Aug. 14, 1843.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association in account with A. Burnham, Treasurer.

Dr. To cash paid Rev. Mr. Barstow,		Am't bro't over,	$70,42
For postage,	$1,10	Expend. deducted	41,10
To printer's bill,	40,00		
	$41,10	In Treasury,	$29,32

Cr. Received from	
Caledonia Association	$2,00
Belknap	3,00
Deerfield	2,50
Derry	3,00
Harmony	0,00
Hopkinton	7,50
Hollis	5,00
Lancaster	1,50
Monadnock	8,50
Orange	0,00
Piscataqua	7,00
Sullivan	4,00
Union	5,00
Receipts	$49,00
Balance last year,	$21,42
Amount	$60,42

I hereby certify, that I have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer of the N. H. General Association, and find it correctly cast, and well vouched.

N. BOUTON, Auditor.

Concord, Aug. 9, 1843.

PASTORAL ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO THE CHURCHES OF THEIR CONNECTION.

Dear Brethren,—The existing trials of the Church of Christ, make the duty now assigned us, of vast solemnity and importance. We propose to address you on one of the more prominent of these trials, leaving it for other pens, and other occasions, to furnish the admonitions and counsels that may be called for by your varying circumstances.

The *instability of the pastoral relation*, the evils attending it, a glance at their causes, and some attempts to suggest a remedy, is the subject of this address. The *fact* of this instability is so notorious, that we shall spend no time in asserting or proving it, but pass immediately to a brief consideration of its evils.

One evil which the churches must suffer from the frequent changes of its ministers, is found in the *character* of ministerial services necessarily resulting from such mutability. Time was, when ministers settled with the reasonable expectation of remaining for years, probably for life, in the place of their settlement. They laid their plans accordingly. They labored not so much for immediate results, as for those more distant and abiding. They aimed at laying deep and broad the foundations of the church's prosperity. They adopted a system for bringing the great doctrines of revelation, in harmonious light, before the eyes of their people. The almost endless variety of subjects contained in the Bible, and which the Holy Ghost inspired for wise purposes, was embraced in their ideas of a minister's work. The seed they sowed was not that which is calculated to spring up in a night, and whose products are doomed to an equally rapid decay; it was the seed of sacred truth, obtained from God's own hand, which they went forth i the morning to scatter, and withhel not the hand in the evening, leavin it with his Providence whether this c that should prosper, or whether the both should be alike good.

All the works of men are imperfec and no doubt, under the hands of se ular men, always liable to intrude int the ministry, such a state of harmon was attended with unhappy consequer ces; but in the hands of the devou and faithful, it was under God, the ir strumentality to which we owe th stable christian spirit, and noted mors worth, so long cherished by the sons c the Pilgrims. How is it now? Ver different surely, and we fear the chang is not for the better. Preachers hav come to know what sort of preachin the public ear demands; and thi knowledge of the demand affects thei preparation for the pulpit. A fev popular topics are selected, and fitte up in style and manner suited to th taste of the hearers; and these are de livered with a view to instant effect.— Even the few subjects which are so in troduced, are not thoroughly consider ed, but handled in such a rapid and ec lective way as may gratify, rather thar improve minds that are but slightly ac quainted with them. Other doctrine equally necessary to a full knowledg of the way of salvation are wholly o mitted, or glanced at in a tone tha amounts to a caricature. If it occu to the preacher that such a presenta tion of the sacred oracles must fail tc produce the best final results, his scru ples are met with the stubborn fact, that by no other method will the great est number be called out to hear the word; and that if the constant repe tition of the same things must soon fail to excite the same audience, it matters not, for under any circumstan ces the changeable times will not al low the expectation of long continu ence in one place. The motives which would lead to the proper conduct of the sacred ministry, are thus greatly

weakened, if not destroyed. It is not asserted that the conscientious servants of the Lord Jesus, will invariably yield to the bad tendencies around them, yet few will be found who will escape unhurt from so fiery an ordeal.

If then the churches would enjoy a ministry most in accordance with the mind of Christ, they ought to resist, as far as possible, the current mutability of the pastoral relation. They would encourage their ministers with the hope of permanency: and thus throw in their path strong inducements to give themselves to study, that they may bring forth out of their treasure things both new and old, for the edification of the body of Christ.

Another evil arising from the fickle state of the ministry is the aggravation of the already sickly taste of the community. "The time will come, saith the Apostle, when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their lusts will heap up to themselves teachers, having itching ears." It was no enviable reputation possessed by the ancient Athenians, that they spent their time in telling or hearing some new thing. Such fondness for novelties, however, was comparatively harmless, when wasted on such subjects as usually solicited the attention of the curious Greek; but when turned to religious topics, and especially when found in the bosom of the church of Christ, it is the fountain of inexpressible mischief. The apostle is very severe on this class of religionists, in the words we have just quoted. They are so excitable that they cannot rest satisfied without something continually presented to rouse up the feelings, and keep them in a state of constant irritation. To effect this there must be a perpetual increase of the stimulant applied. The same portion will not produce the same excitement the second time as the first, or the third time as the second. The still small voice of God's word and Spirit will produce uniform results, or if the uniformity be broken, it is by the gradual increase of divine influence. But in such violent movements, in order to sustain the amount of impression at first produced, the strong wind that breaks the mountains and rends the rocks, must be succeeded by the earthquake, which shakes the whole ground, and that, by the fire which melts the elements with fervent heat. A certain amount of excitement is secured by a few days application of the means of grace; twice that number of days must be employed the next time to realize the expectations of the people, and so on, in endless progression. A minister of unwonted action and skill wakes up a powerful interest in the community; to sustain it, another preacher must be obtained of still greater address, and so on, as long as ever varied powers, and yet newer novelties can be found. What sort of tastes will be generated in people, in process of time, by such a management of the ministry? Surely they will be such as no power of human eloquence can either benefit or satisfy. The ordinary influences of the house of God, such as he designed for the perpetuity of the church, will become of no effect, and after a time, the most extraordinary that can be used will likewise fail. Some parts of the American heritage are already in this dismal state, and it becomes the churches every where to oppose the instability of the ministerial functions, that they may save themselves from a similar blight. The human constitution may become so sickly as not to be able to bear wholesome food, or at least not in sufficient quantities to indicate health and vigor: and the church may, by a process such as we have described, be cursed with a religious condition that will end in the total consumption of its vital powers.

Besides producing in the churches morbid sensibilities, unfavorable to religious growth, the frequent change of

the ministry tends likewise to divide them, or at least to weaken the union which is essential to their prosperity. The predilections of hearers must be greatly diversified, from causes that are necessary and perpetual operation. Men naturally have their own peculiar feelings and modes of judgment. Even if there is a good degree of harmony as to doctrines, the style and method of presenting them, which will please one part of an audience, will disgust others. The same remark will apply to the proportionate attention which may be paid to pastoral and social visiting; some will be well pleased with this, at the expense of the more varied and thorough preparation for the pulpit; while others will plead strongly for the most diligent study, and elaborate sermonizing, though they should render it impracticable for the minister to mingle much with the people. The very personal habits, and most trivial conduct, let them be what they will, can scarcely ever be universally approved; he is too familiar,or he is too austere; he is too close or he is too liberal; he mingles too much with the ungodly, or he throws them off entirely from his influence by keeping them at too great a distance. Now in cases where the ministry is long and faithfully conducted, these discrepancies of taste gradually disappear, and all become so far united as to dwell together in peace, and to profit by the word, and to prosper in the worship of the Lord. But the perpetual changeableness of ministerial labors tends on the contrary to aggravate the differences of taste, until it becomes absolutely impossible that any one preacher should be able to gratify the feelings of all. Thus the evil is only enhanced by the shifting trials to remove it, and the brethren who used to walk together in unity of spirit, become rent into mutually denouncing factions.

And in connection with this great iniquity may be mentioned the power which has been conceded to a minority, in too frequent instances, and to the manifest wrong of Zion. A few individuals become disaffected with the minister unreasonably, and set on foot a plan for his dismission; they propose to trouble the waters so long, and so deeply, that even his best friends will think it expedient to consent to his removal. His usefulness is represented as being at an end; or the society is so small as to need the pecuniary assistance of all, and the hope is entertained that another minister would unite the parish, and thus lighten the burden of supporting; and various other considerations are pressed into the service of the malcontents.—It has been asserted that a single man, especially if at all prominent, is able, in this way, to rule the whole parish, and that cases of this kind have been known, in which the work was going on for several years; and in which, although the instigator was finally ruined himself as to peace and usefulness, yet the object which he had in view was effected. One sinner destroyeth much good, even if he destroys himself at the same time. A blind Sampson may pull down the temple of religion although he may bury himself in the ruins. Cases have been known where two or three ministers have been dismissed to suit the caprice of a single man, and that man, after all, expelled from the church.—Now what society which thus trifles with the feelings, reputation, and ministerial functions of their Pastor, can expect to prosper? Will God smile on gross injustice, because it happens to be committed against a poor minister? Never. He who hath said,touch not mine Anointed, and do my prophets no harm, will blast the prospects of any religious society, which sacrifices, from mercenary motives, the peace and happiness of its public servants.—Not even the pecuniary object can be obtained in this manner, for ere long it becomes an impossibility to settle a

minister with any degree of unanimity is a parish cursed with such fickleness; the instability of whose itching ears has been wonderfully enhanced by the foolish exertions to gratify it.

We shall next glance at the *causes* of this instability in the Pastoral relation. These are to be found chiefly in the difference of opinion and feelings on subjects of great exciting interest in the public mind. There is a division of sentiment in the christian church in relation to the measures to be employed in the removal of certain national sins, and for the promotion of the opposite virtues, and the difference of sentiment is so great, as to have strong hold of the heart. So much so that denominational differences are lost sight of in the greater differences that run through churches of the same denomination. Even the perversion of sound doctrine is winked at, if it come in connection with the warm support of a favorite object of reform. In such strength of religious sentiment and warmth of feeling, church members are prone to exact of their minister sentiments and feelings like their own. They require of him a partiality for plans of benevolence dear to their own hearts, and a distrust and depreciation of those plans, which they themselves distrust and depreciate.—Nor are they satisfied with mere depreciation on the one hand, or mere support on the other. The favorite enterprises must be advocated with energy of language commensurate with their supposed magnitude; and those which are pronounced an imposition on the public, must feel the weight of a most terrible indignation. It is certain that the minister cannot please both parties. If some require wine at the communion, at all events, and others, with equal importunity desire its removal, the Pastor cannot satisfy, even by his silence—much less by his warm adherence to one of the requisitions. Other illustrations might be adduced.

This division in the churches, if not first created, is constantly fomented by agents and lecturers, passionately devoted to their respective projects of philanthropy, and oftentimes exceedingly bitter towards each other. We may here venture a remark on public agencies generally. If they are of such a character as to insure the approbation of the christian public, they still need to be conducted with more discretion than always falls to their lot. Agents acquire a readiness in the discussion of a few interesting topics, and there are always some in the assemblies they address who cannot realize the impossibility of sustaining the interest thus excited, if the same speaker were to be listened to Sabbath after Sabbath for a length of time.—Hence these superficial hearers become dissatisfed with the labors of their own Pastor, and vainly imagine that the man who has deeply interested them once or twice, would continue to interest thus deeply ever after. We exculpate all our approved agents from any intention of this kind; but the subject is worthy of consideration. The very nature of agencies requires peculiar caution, lest those who pass from place to place, and become familiar with parish difficulties, should so circulate the knowledge of them as to aggravate their evils.

We may be allowed to advert to another cause of fickleness in the Pastoral relation. We refer to the exertions and influence of great revival preachers; the labors of evangelists: protracted religious services, and their usual attendants. Most surely the excess to which these things have been carried, and the improper reliance placed upon them, have been one great cause of the frequent changes in the ministry. Eminent revival preachers sometimes owe their success to their very extravagancies. Their novel measures, the varied use of the voice acquired by special attention to that point, and in some instances the novel

doctrines arresting the public mind, give them a momentary influence over the people, far beyond that of the settled Pastor. Not stopping to consider the abiding consequences, but rejoicing at the sight of many in the assembly, who are usually absent from the house of God—and of the hopeful conversion of numbers; with the deep, solemn impression left on the minds of still more; even good men are enticed into the belief that a method of conducting public worship different from that of their own Pastor's, and resembling that of distinguished revivalists, would be more conducive to the promotion of religion. Here has been found one of the most active causes of the dismission of ministers.

We turn now to the remedy of these evils, which together with their causes, we have endeavored to describe. The success of this remedy, so far as you are concerned, will depend mainly on the compliance with this direction—*learn to be content with the plain, faithful, persevering labors of your own Pastor*. Value the Sabbath, because it is God's day; the ministry, because it is ordained of heaven for the salvation of your souls, and the souls of your children. Be not drawn to the sanctuary, on account of the display of the pulpit, but because it is the place, where the Father of mercies has recorded his name. We do not advise you to sustain an incompetent or unfaithful minister; but if you have one sincerely devoted to his work, able and willing to instruct you in the things of the Kingdom of God—be more than satisfied with him; esteem him highly for his work's sake—do not depreciate him—do not weaken his hands or discourage his heart by an expressed preference for the more striking exhibition of the pulpit, which you may have witnessed in others.

The passion for such exhibitions is the curse of our churches, especially of those that are feeble. Indulging the erroneous feeling, that by these means alone their prosperity can be secured, they become dissatisfied with the services of those who are not gifted with brilliant otatorical powers—consequently they are deprived of the only religious instruction they can command.

But what sort of ministerial influence do you need to give the most enduring success to the appointed instrumentalities of the sanctuary? Is it not that which is continually put forth? Is it not that which extends to all these instrumentalities? Do you not need, that the rich and varied instruction of God's word should be so imparted to the entire congregation as to leave on their minds an impression of the whole spirit of revelation? Do you not need to have declared to you *all* the counsel of God? Do you not need to be fed with strong meat as well as with the milk of the word?—Could you be long saved from dispersion, were all the preaching you enjoyed, confined to the reiteration for the thousandth time of a few meagre but exciting thoughts? Do not the children and youth of your societies need to be under a systematic course of instruction, which can be carried out only where are enjoyed the regular, well sustained labors of the faithful Pastor? Do you not feel that if under such a ministry, you are gradually strengthened from year to year, it will be in the end vastly better for you than any fancied rapid growth, which is doomed to sudden decay and disastrous termination?

Now if this is the ministry, which you need, are you not convinced, that it is to be found not so much in connection with shining pulpit talents—the ability to rouse the general mind for a short time, as in connection with the self denying, serious, protracted efforts of the Pastor who loves his people, and strives with all his power to promote their salvation, though he may not be able to dazzle their minds with the brilliancy of particular discourses?

Are you not convinced, that your true and lasting good can be best promoted by a Pastor who shall lead you into the green pastures and by the *still waters* of salvation?

We would freely open to you, brethren, all the feelings of our hearts on this subject. We would express to you our solemn belief, that darker days are before the churches, unless the foregoing cousiderations are duly regarded. The relation we have been contemplating is too sacred to be treated with that levity in which it is by many viewed. It is a relation which God has formed and owned, and blessed. To restore the proper christian sentiment in reference to it, exert all the power you possess. Nothing else will save you from the spiritual maladies that will lay the emaciated churches in the grave.

Enter fully into the wise plans of benevolence, which your Pastors adopt but do not force them to advocate or disapprove such as you may approve or condemn. Allow them the right of judgment in matters difficult to be decided and already the sources of trouble to the churches. Help to sustain their burdens. Expect, that they will constantly improve their official influence over you, IF you kindly receive their ministry. Give diligent attendance on their public services, and cordially receive them at your houses. God will bless you for such a treatment of his servants, with peace in your borders, and prosperity in your palaces.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The General Association of this State, has seldom, if ever, met, when they have had more occasion for gratitude to God for his varied mercies, than at the present time. Though the angel of death has been among our flocks and many saints have been called home to glory, in no instances has the hand of death, during the past year, been laid upon any Pastor, and few, comparatively, have been removed from their labors by disease. Many of our churches, especially our feeble churches, which have, heretofore, been destitute of Pastors, have during the past year, been supplied; so that, perhaps, at the present moment, there are fewer churches destitute of settled Pastors, or stated supplies, than in former years. It has pleased the Great Head of the church to visit his people throughout the State, the past year in an unusual manner, by the special out-pourings of his Holy Spirit. Almost every report to which we have listened, has given the cheering intelligence of some special work of grace, within the bounds of the Association covered by the report. In many instances, we have been told there have been extensive revivals. And in other cases, there have been more hopeful conversions than have been reported in any former years. Almost every town has been blest with the out-pourings of the Holy Spirit. Owing to the want of particularity in the reports, we cannot specify the number of revivals in each Association; but there have been in the whole, during the last year, not far from FIFTY, and an addition in the aggregate, of more than two thousand members to our churches. The Associations which have shared most largely in these revivals, are Hopkinton, Belknap, Piscataqua, and Monadnock. The character of the revivals has generally been of the most pleasing nature. While in many instances pastors have resorted to the labors of their ministerial brethren, in their immediate neighborhoods, they have generally, if not universally avoided the labors of professed evangelists. The delegates from nearly all the different Associations have been explicit in bearing their testimony against the system of itinerant preaching.

Great reliance has been placed on the ordinary means of grace. The stated weekly ministrations of the word, in the pulpit and the lecture

room, together with the facilities afforded for reaching the mind by Sabbath School and Bible Class instruction, have been generally relied on as the means, under God, of bringing men to the knowledge of the truth.—We believe there is a growing conviction in the minds of pastors, as well as among our most intelligent laymen, that we ought to place more reliance on the ordinary means of grace which God has established for reaching the human heart, and less reliance on those which are the devices of men. We are happy to believe that, while some of our churches, still untaught by the baneful influence which these extraordinary means have produced, are yet relying too much upon them, there is generally a growing conviction that the good old way of our Fathers is the way to advance the permanent interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. There is, we believe, a more general readiness to listen to a plain exposition of the great fundamental doctrines of the Cross. The feverish sensibility which has existed in many congregations, on this point, is beginning to yield to the more scriptural mode of presenting Divine Truth. The Holy Spirit is being more honored, and his influence more ardently sought in prayer for the conversion and sanctification of the soul. The churches are feeling, more sensibly than a few years since, that it is not in the power of their Pastors, nor of any other preachers to produce a revival of pure religion; but that this blessing "cometh not but by prayer and fasting." If a church would be truly revived, the *people*, as well as the pastor, must have a mind to work, and God in his sovereign mercy, be pleased to bless.

We would not omit to acknowledge the services which the brethren in the Editorial departments of our religious newspapers, have rendered, in endeavoring to form a correct sentiment in the public mind, in relation to this subject. We would extend to them the right hand of fellowship, and bid them God speed in their work, while we own them as most efficient coadjutors in our labors.

From the reports which have been read respecting revivals, it appears that unusual pains have been taken to instruct young converts in their duty, and in the great fundamental doctrines of the Bible, before admission to the church. Hasty admissions have been *deprecated* and *avoided*. An effort has generally been made to lay the foundation for stable and active piety. In some instances, reports have stated that the Assembly's Catechism is beginning to be more carefully studied in our Sabbath Schools. We have occasion to rejoice that amid the many exciting causes which have existed the past year to disturb the harmony of our churches, they have generally stood fast. Though false teachers, and false prophets have been busy in sowing the seeds of discord in many of our vineyards, there is occasion for gratitude that so few of our churches have been materially disturbed.

There has been the past year, we believe, though faintly perceptible, a gradual improvement in favor of permanency in the Pastoral relation. The evil of fickleness in this relation, which has been so long and deeply deplored, we believe is beginning to subside.—Much has been said in our public bodies, in private conversation, and through the periodical press, on this point, and we believe, not without effect. The christian community, we believe, are beginning to feel the unhappy influence of a fluctuating ministry. Our intelligent laymen are making it a matter of serious consideration; and there is not only a hand uplifted here and there to stay the progress of the mountain waves which have been dashing over our land, threatening the utter extermination of the Pastoral office, but many hearts are also engaged in prayer for the removal of this evil.—

We trust the dawn of a beter day is breaking, and while many churches are destined still to suffer from this evil, we would fondly hope and believe that the importance of a permanent ministry is gaining ground. And though it may be many years before this subject will be felt in all its importance, it is gratifying to learn that the evil has arrived at its crisis, and is now slowly subsiding.

Our reports in regard to the various causes of benevolence have been encouraging. The feeble churches in our own State, though not so liberally assisted as we might wish, nevertheless receive a liberal share in the contributions and prayers of the more wealthy sister churches. The Macedonian cry from our brethren of the great western valley, has been responded to with a feeling and sympathizing soul—while the still deeper wail of millions who are sitting in the region and shadow of death in pagan lands, has sunk deep in christian hearts.—The Tract, the Bible, the Seamen's Friend, and the Education Societies, have not been forgotten. We own all these Societies as sisters of the same family, engaged in the same great enterprize of bearing the light of eternal truth to the ends of the earth.

The cause of Temperance has been unusually prosperous. During the past year noble and praise worthy efforts have been made, in some towns, to reclaim the unfortunate inebriate, and to banish entirely, the traffic in ardent spirits from their borders.

Sabbath Schools have been universally sustained. The opinion, however, prevails in some portions of the State, that this institution might be made a more efficient instrument than it now is, in building up the Redeemer's kingdom. It is our impression that the church has not yet fully felt her responsibility in this matter. The hope of the church is in the rising generation—and while *Pastors* should spare no pains to discharge their duty to the lambs of the flock, *the church* is, in our view, more particularly responsible for sustaining an interest in the Sabbath School. It is an institution where the labors of church members can be most advantageously expended, and where God calls upon them by the voice of his Providence, to labor while the day lasts.

In regard to the attendance on the Monthly Concert of prayer for the universal spread of the gospel,—a place where the spirit of benevolence is kindled and kept alive—we have not the means of speaking definitely.—We fear, however, that the advantages of this meeting are not appreciated as they should be, by the majority of christians.

We are happy to greet our brethren from foreign bodies, and to hear from them the cheering intelligence to which we have listened, respecting the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom within their borders. The report of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church (old school) gives the most encouraging account of the state of religion, within the bounds of that body. In the language of the Assembly "the last year has been a year of mercy and goodness, distinguished by constant and numerous tokens of the divine fovor, and an almost entire cessation from those evils which we have usually had so much cause to deprecate." Other members of that body have remarked, that in no year since the existence of the church in this country, have there been such wonderful tokens of the presence and power of the Most High, in the Presbyterian connection. "Fifty-three Presbyteries were blessed with the special presence of the Holy Spirit, upon more or less of the congregations within their bounds. In some Presbyteries the work was felt in every congregation. In some instances the number of hopeful conversions in a single Presbytery exceeded 1000. As many as 300 have been added to our churches; more

than 900 congregations have enjoyed revivals; and hundreds were reported as favored with encouraging tokens of the Redeemer's presence."

From Massachusetts, we learn that more than 80 churches have been specially blest with revivals the past year. The report from the General Convention of Vermont, has also given great occasion for thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, for the manifestation of his gracious presence in that State. Nearly one fourth of the churches are reported as having enjoyed revivals, more or less powerful. There has been a net gain from last year of 692 members.

As the general results of the past year it may be stated that more than one fourth of all the Congregational and Presbyterian churches in this State; one fourth of the Congregational churches in Vermont; one-fifth of the same in Massachusetts and more than 400 congregations in the Presbyterian church, (Old School) have enjoyed special revivals of religion. Perhaps in no year since the settlement of our country has our American Zion been so extensively blessed.

In conclusion we would say, that while we are grateful for the mercies of God, that he has so generously blessed the churches of our own State as well as others represented inthisbody, let us look to him with a deeper sense of our own unworthiness, and seek, by prayer and humble supplication, still richer communications of His grace. The signs of our times call for deep and active piety. Whether we look at the Redeemer's cause in our own state, or take a wider range, there is the most earnest call for humble, persevering effort at the throne of grace. What need we, beloved Brethren! more than constant showers of the Holy Spirit to water and build up our churches?—"Paul may plant, and Apollas water," but what will it avail unless God give the increase?

In behalf of the Committee,

P. B. DAY

Nashua, Aug. 24, 1843.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	To
Alton			3	6	9										
Barnstead	Enos George	Sept 26, 1804.	126	189	308	45		45	5		9	14	40	7	4
Centre Harbor	Almon Benson	Dec. 23, 1840.	18	29	47	9		9	2		2	4	7		
Gilmanton C	Daniel Lancaster	Dec. 16, 1836.	72	104	176	8	7	15	1		4	5	2	2	
" I.W.			34	97	131										
" 1stCh			28	54	82										
Meredith Br.	John K. Young		56	133	189		2	2	5			5		5	
" Vil.	Giles Leach	Nov. 23, 1842.	31	62	93	11	1	12	3*		2	5	8		
Sandbornton	Ab'h'm Bodwell	Nov. 13, 1806.	59	114	173	11		11	4		3	7	6	1	
" Br.	Cor. Curtice		56	104	160	8	1	9							
								——*1 restored.							
10	8		483	835	1368	93	11	104				40			5

Without charge—Joseph Lane, Heman Rood, Aaron Warner, Isaac Bird, Charles Tenney

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	To
Bethlehem	Edmund Burt	Jan. 13, 1841.	11	19	30	5	0	5	4		2	6	3	4	
Franconia	Edmund Burt	Jan. 13, 1841.	10	20	30	1	1	2					1		
Bath	E. Cleveland s s		22	69	91	2		2	2			2	2	1	
Littleton	E. I. Carpenter	Dec. 13, 1842.	38	90	128	8	4	12	6		4	10	7	8	1
4	3				279			21				18			3

Rev. Drury Fairbanks, unsettled.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	To
Chichester	RufusA. Putnam	Aug. 29, 1832.	66	104	170		1	1	4		2	6		1	
Deerfield	Eph. N. Hidden	Sept. 1, 1841.			140	2		2			5	5	1		
Dunbarton	John M. Putnam		44	112	156	12	3	15			6	6	1		
Epsom	Winthrop Fifield	May 10, 1837.	53	96	149		1	1	5	1	2	8		5	
Loudon	Jona. Ayers s s		30	60	90						1	1			
Northwood	E. C. Cogswell	Nov. 3, 1842.	55	63	118	10	1	11			3	3	4	2	
Nottingham	Destitute		3	11	14				2		1	3			
Pittsfield	Jonathan Curtis		66	126	192	21	4	25	5			5	18		1
Raymond	John C. Page	Oct. 7, 1841.			145	22		22	3		6	9			
9	8				1174			77				46			3

Unsettled Ministers—Deerfield, Nathaniel Wells; Chichester, Josiah Carpenter; Northwood, Josiah Prentis
Candidate—Alanson St. Clair.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	To
Candia	Wm. Murdock	Dec. 1, 1841.	96	146	242		5				4	4		4	
Chester	Jona. Clement	Oct. 13, 1830.			235		Last year's		report.						
" W. Par.	SamuelOrdway*														
Derry	Edw'd L. Parker				325		Last year's		report.						
" Village	Pliny B. Day	Oct. 4, 1837.			175		1				1			3	
Londonderry	T. G Brainerd	Nov. 5, 1840.	71	161	232	4	3	7	6		5	11	1	23	2
Windham	Calvin Cutler	April 9, 1828	70	105	175	2		2			2			6	
Hampstead	J. M. C. Bartley	Oct. 1836.			100		2		2					4	
Pelham	Cyrus W. Allen†	Feb. 1, 1843.	31	73	104	1	9	10	1		2	3	1	4	
Hudson	William Page*		31	47	78	2	9	11	1		1	2		1	
Atkinson	Samuel Pierce														
Salem	W.K Hayward*†				52		Last year's		report.						
12	12				1718			30				20			4

*Stated supply. †Not a member of the Association.
Unsettled Ministers——Hampstead, John Kelley; Windham, Samuel Harris; Salem, Jonas Fisher; Boyscot, I
A. Keys; New York City, Charles P. Russell.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION, 1842.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	To
Alexandria	James Hobart		9	17	26										
Bridgewater			9	11	20										
Bristol	D. O. Morton		9	29	38										
Conway	John Wilde		34	83	117		1	1	1		1	2		1	
Campton	Charles Shedd				121		2	2							
Danbury	Daniel Pulsifer				40										
Effingham	James Dodd s s		15	26	41						2	2			
Hebron	Jas. Hobart s s		7	17	24										
Groton	Jas. Hobart s s		13	22	35										
Moultonboro'	Joshua Dodge		30	57	87	13	1	14			2	2	6	2	
Ossipee	John S. Winter		39	59	98	18		18					7	6	1
Plymouth	Geo. Punchard		53	102	155		3	3	3	1	3	7		7	
Sandwich So.	Otis Holmes		29	63	92	6	6	12		4	2	6	4	4	
" No.			11	17	28										
Tamworth	Jeremiah Blake		82	164	246	27	6	33	5		2	7	21	4	2
Thornton	Sam'l Kingsbury		17	26	43										
Tuftonboro'	Joshua Dodge s s		10	22	32		2	2							
Wakefield	Nath'l Barker		19	46	65				1		2	3			
Wolfboro'	Jeremiah Blake		26	59	85	1	2	3			1	1		5	
Wolfboro' N.	J. Blake, & Jas. Dodd stated sup.		23	39	61	16	7	21					11	4	1
Milton	Benj. G. Willey		22	89	102	19		19	1			1	16	5	2
21	19				1556			113				31			6

Unsettled Ministers——Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	To
Andover and Wilmot	Nathan Howard " "	May 24, 1843.	8	15	23	5	5	10					5		
			8	14	22	3		3					2	7	
Boscawen 1st	Caleb B. Tracy	Sept. 13, 1837.	102	178	280	68	14	82	9		6	15	16	6	2
" 2d	Edward Buxton	Dec. 12, 1837.	71	105	176	31		31	10	3	3	16	16	7	2
Bradford	Stephen Rogers	Dec. 20, 1838.	46	69	115	18	3	21		1	2	3	14	2	1
Bristol*	Daniel O. Morton	June 8, 1842.			78	14	27	41			1	1	10	2	1
Canterbury	Wm. Patrick														
Concord 1st	Nath'l Bouton	March 23, 1825.	74	201	275	55	6	61	3	1	2	6	27	6	3
" West	Asa P. Tenney	April 1833.	86	153	239	55	4	59	5		5	10	20	8	2
" South	Daniel J. Noyes														
" East	H. Freeman		26	67	93			43							
Franklin	Isaac Knight	Sept. 27, 1837.	96	66	92	12	3	15	4			4	4	2	
Henniker	Eden B. Foster		68	129	197	7		7							
Hopkinton 1st	Moses Kimball	Dec. 13, 1837.	80	185	265	25	1	26	4	1	8	13	11	5	1
" 2d	David Kimball		3	9	12										
Loudon Vill.	E. K. Hawley s s														
Hill	John LeBosquet	April 26, 1843.	20	50	70	6	1	7			1	1	5	1	
Pembroke	Ab'h'm Burnham	March 2, 1808.	44	138	182	2	1	3	15	1	1	17		6	
Salisbury	Benj. F. Foster	Nov. 13. 1833.			91			19							
Warner	James W. Perkins	March 18, 1840.	54	100	154	40	3	43	6		2	8	10	3	1
18	19				2374			457				94			18

*The Church in New-Hampton have become members of this Church.

Unsettled Ministers——Ebenezer Price, Boscawen West; Moses Sawyer, Boscawen East; Henry Wood, Be Jamin P. Stone, Sylvester Dana, Concord; Walter Harris, D. D., Dunbarton.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	To
Amherst					320	47	5	52	11		9			4	
Brookline	Daniel Goodwin		30	56	86		4	4			1	1		3	
Hollis															
Mason	E. Hill & J. B. Hill		104	160	264	4	4	8	2	1	3	6	2		
Merrimack 1 C'h.	Stephen T. Allen		37	77	114		3	3	1			1		1	
" Ev.															
Milford	Abner B. Warner		102	183	285	6	9	15	4	5	6	15	1	2	
Mont Vernon	Bezaleel Smith		60	132	192	2	4	6	3	1	2	6	1	1	
Nashua 1 C'h.	M. H. Smith				417	60	17	77	18	6	2	26	33	6	2
" 2 "	Austin Richards				477	18	17	35	10		3	13		2	
New-Ipswich	Samuel Lee		148	254	402	42	6	43	18	2	6	26	14	13	2
Rindge	A. W. Burnham		91	164	255	23	3	25	4		7	11	7	12	1
Temple	Leonard Jewet				120			2							
Wilton	Charles Whiting		49	75	124	9	1	10	1			1	7	2	
14	12				3056			285				106			10

Unsettled Ministers——Humphrey Moore, Milford; Eli Smith, Hollis.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	To
Colebrook	C.W.Richardson		40	80	120	5	1	6	1		2	3		2	
Lancaster	David Perry		13	43	56	6	1	7			1	1		1	
Dalton	Horace Wood		20	27	47	5	1	6			1	1	2	2	
Whitefield	Horace Wood		10	16	26	1		1					1	5	
4	3				249			20				5			1

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	To
Alstead	Robert Crossett	1843.	30	64	94				11		1	12			
New Alstead	Moses Gerould	May 29, 1838.	53	90	143	2	1	3	2	2		4	1	2	
Paper M. Vill.	D. Adams s s		13	24	37										
Chesterfield	Benj. E. Hale	Aug. 31, 1842.	19	62	81	19	5	24	1		3	4	14	11	2
Dublin	H. Kendall				41	2	1	3			2	2		7	
Fitzwilliam	John Sabin	March 5, 1805.	71	140	211	3	1	4		1	3	4	2	5	
Gilsum	James Tisdale s s		11	26	37	1	3	4	2		1	3		5	
Hinsdale	G. S. Brown				138	6	3	9	2		4	6			
Jaffrey	J. D. Crosby and L. Ainsworth	Sept. 1837.	61	145	206	29	2	31					12	4	1
Keene	Z. S. Barstow	July 1, 1818.			284			37	12		9	21	7	17	2
Marlborough	Giles Lyman s s		31	71	102	28	2	30	3			3	8	3	1
Nelson	Daniel L. French	Nov. 4, 1841.	52	66	118	8	2	10	2		4	6	4	6	1
Harrisville	Otis C. Whiton	Aug. 11, 1842.	24	43	67		2	2	2			2			
Roxbury	Ezra Adams s s		16	27	43				4		1	5			
Stoddard	Isaac Robinson	Jan. 5, 1803.			65	1	2	3	2		2	4		5	
Sullivan	Alanson Alvord	Feb. 23, 1840.	29	59	88	1	3	4	4		1	5			
Surry	Elihu Smith s s														
Swanzey	Elisha Rockwood	Nov. 15, 1836.	22	62	84	6		6	3		1	4	4	4	
Troy	J. Pomeroy	Jan. 6, 1836.	27	57	84	13	2	15	2		4	6	5	3	
Walpole	A. Jackson				115			13	5			5		4	
Westmoreland	Geo. W. Ash		42	126	168			1	7	1	3	11			
Winchester	John Thompson	May 28, 1840.	50	155	205	34	2	36	2	2	2	6			
23	23				2214			205				113			13

Unsettled Ministers——G. Newell, Hosea Beckley, Silas Wilder, Josiah Peabody. Mr. Fuller, s. s. Acwort
Candidates——Luther Townshend, Mr. Bellows.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	To
Barrington			17	31	48		2	2		1	1	1		1	
Brentwood	James Boutwell		25	54	79										
Dover	Jere. S. Young		91	316	407	50	3	53	12	10	10	32	35	10	4
Durham	Alvan Tobey		14	58	72	1		1	4	1		5	1		
Epping	Calvin Chapman		10	31	41	6	12	18	1		1	2		4	
Exeter 1st	Joy H. Fairchild		50	168	218										
" 2d	Isaac Hurd		24	75	99	2	21	23	3		1	4	1	2	
Farmington			13	17	30	4		4					4		
Great Falls	Samuel Bean		44	150	194	5	3	8	8	1	2	11	4	3	
Greenland	Sam'l W. Clark		9	25	34				1		1	2	2	2	
Hampton	E. D. Eldridge		75	136	211	46	2	48	2		1	3	15	12	2
Hampton Falls	Nerwo T. Abbot		25	54	79	8	2	10	1		1	2	2	2	
No. Hampton	Jonathan French		76	106	182	4		4	2		7	9	1	6	
Kingston	Sam'l Mason s s		20	47	67				1		3	4			
Milton	Benj. G. Willey		34	65	99	5		5	2	1	2	5	5	1	
Newmarket	Sewel N. Greely				70		2	2	3	3	1	7		2	
So. Newmarket	E. W. Tucker		6	13	19	10	1	11							
Newington	T. K. Miller s s		3	9	12						1	1			
New Castle	Jos. P. Tyler s s		7	18	25	12		12			1	1	8		
Portsmouth	Rufus W. Clark				361			54	14		6	20	22	3	2
Rochester	John E. Farwell		14	89	103	8	1	9	4		2	6	7		
Rye	Jas. T. McEwen		36	82	118	11		11	1		5	6		1	
Stratham	W. J. Newman		18	44	62	12		12					9	3	1
23	21				2590			286				121			16

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptism	
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In. T
Lebanon	Phinehas Cooke	May 13, 1829.			210	2		2	2		6	8		
Lempster	S H. Tolman s s		50	37	87							3		
" 2dC.			22	25	47									
Meriden	Amos Blanchard	Jan. 8, 1840.												
Newport	John Woods	Jan. 28, 1824.	36	147	233	9	8	17	5		5	10	2	7
Washington														
Charlestown	J. D. F. Richards	May 28, 1841.	22	42	64				5			5	7	11
Cornish	Alva Spaulding	Oct. 1, 1835.			157	4	1	5	1	1	3	5		2
Dart. Col. Ch.	John Richards	April 20, 1842.			269									
Plainfield	Jacob Scales s s													
Goshen	Aaron Waitt s s													
Acworth	R. W. Fuller s s				205	7	2	9	15					
Croydon	Joel Davis s s													
Claremont	R. F. Lawrence	Jan. 16. 1839.	80	146	226	5	6	11	5		7		3	13
Langdon	John Wood	April 8. 1840.	9	12	21					1				
15	13				1519			44				31		

Licentiate——Mr. Alphonso Wood.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptism	
			Ma.	Fem.	Tot.	Pro.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	D'd.	Tot.	Ad.	In. T
Stein	John M. Whiton				200	4	2	6	1		3	4		
Washington	A. Manson		22	42	64	11	5	16					5	2
Acworth	D. P. Smith s s		62	115	177		3	3	2		2	4		10
" 2dC.	B. Fowler													
Lempster	A. Burgess		92	154	246	7	3	10	2	5	6	13		6
Ellsworth 1C.	Geo. W. Adams		50	70	120	4		4	2		4	6	1	4
" 2C.	I. Cumings													
Lyndeborough	Ivory Kimball		70	116	186	5	8	13	3		2	5		9
Peterborough	James R. French		66	113	179	5	6	11	1			1	4	6
Guilfstown	Isaac Wiley		60	90	150	2	1	3	8		2	10	1	3
Bedford	Thomas Savage		101	154	255	30	4	34	4	2	5	11	13	23
Manchester	C.W. Wallace		60	119	179	27	27	56	7		1	8	20	5
Deering	W Richardson		12	28	40	3		3	1			1	2	3
Francestown	Jona. M'Gee				447	Last year's report.								
14	14				2943			159				59		

RECAPITULATION.

Belknap,	1368	Hopkinton,	2374	Piscataqua,	25
Caledonia,	279	Hollis,	3056	Sullivan,	15
Deerfield,	1174	Lancaster,	249	Union,	22
Derry,	1718	Monadnock,	2214		
Harmony,	1556	Orange,	No report.		20,2

SCHEDULE,

According to which Delegates to Foreign Bodies are nominated by the District Associations, in p portion to their representation in the General Association.

No. Del. to G. A.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1849.	1850
Monadnock, 4	Con. R.I.	Vt.	Mass.	Vt. R. I.	Mas. Me.	Con. Vt.	Vt.	Mas. Con	R.I. I
Hopkinton, 3	Me.	Con.	Vt.	R. I.	Vt.	Me.	R I. Con.	Mass.	Vt.
Piscataqua, 3	Me.	Me.	Con.	Con.	R. I.	R.I. Mas.	Me.	Con.	Vt. R
Union, 3	Vt.	Me.	Con.	Mass.	Con.	Vt.	Me.	R. I.	Con. I
Hollis, 2	Pres.	Con.		Mass.	Vt.		Mass.	Me.	
Harmony, 2		Pres.	Me.	Vt.		Mass.	Mass.	Vt.	
Derry, 2	R. I.	Vt.	Pres.	Me.		Me.	R. I.	Vt.	
Orange, 2	Mass.	R. I.	R. I.	Pres.		Con.	Vt.		Me.
Deerfield, 2	Mass.	R. I.	Mass.	Me.	Pres.		Con.	R. I.	
Sullivan, 2	Con.	Mass.	R. I.		Con.	Pres.		Me.	Mass.
Belknap, 2	Vt.	Mass.		Con.	Mass.	R. I.	Pres.		Con.
Caledonia, 1			Vt.		Me.			Pres.	
Lancaster, 1			Me.		R. I.				Pres.

Plan recommended by the General Association for Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tracts.*	*Education.*	*Home Missions*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Optiona*
Strafford	April & May	June & July	August & Sept	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & M
Merrimack	June & July	August & Sept	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & Mch	Apr. & M
Grafton & Coos	Aug & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & Mch.	April & May	June & Ju
Hillsborough	Oct. & Nov	Dec. & Jan	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	Aug & Se
Cheshire & Sul.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March	April & May	June & July	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & No
Rockingham	Feb. & Mch	April & May	June & July	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Ja

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN CONCORD,

August 27, 1844.

CONCORD:
PRESS OF ASA McFARLAND, OPPOSITE THE STATE HOUSE.
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MINUTES.

THE *General Association of New-Hampshire* convened at Concord, in the South Congregational Meeting House, August 27, 1844, at 10 o'clock, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. JONATHAN M'GEE, of Francestown, from Isaiah 60 : 15.

From the certificates presented, it appeared that the following persons were regularly appointed delegates :

ASSOCIATIONS.	
Belknap,	Rev. Messrs. John K. Young and Giles Leach.
Caledonia,	Rev. Edmund Burt.
Deerfield,	Rev. Messrs. John M. Putman and John C. Page.
Derry,	Rev. Messrs. William Murdock, William Page, and John Kelly.
Harmony,	Rev. Messrs. Otis Holmes and Jeremiah Blake.
Hollis,	Rev. Messrs. Amos W. Burnham, and Ebenezer Hill.
Hopkinton,	Rev. Messrs. David Kimball, Moses Kimball, Caleb B. Tracy, and Edward Buxton.
Lancaster,	Rev. David Perry.
Monadnock,	Rev. Messrs. Otis C. Whiton, Elisha Rockwood, Benjamin E. Hale, and James Tisdale.
Orange,	Rev. Increase S. Davis.

Piscataqua,	Rev. Messrs. James F. McEwen, E. D. Eldredge, Benjamin G. Willey, and James Boutwell.
Sullivan,	Rev. Messrs. John Woods, R. F. Lawrence, and R. W. Fuller.
Union,	Rev. Messrs. John M. Whiton, Jonathan M'Gee, and David P. Smith.
Gen. Ass. Presbyterian Church,	Rev. Henry Perkins.
Gen. Assoc. of Massachusetts,	Rev. Messrs. Roger C. Hatch and Daniel Fitz.
Gen. Convention of Vermont,	Rev. Andrew Rankin.
Gen. Assoc. of Connecticut,	Rev. Messrs. Davis, S. Brainerd, and Lyman Strong.
Gen. Assoc. of New-York,	Rev. Moody Harrington.

EX OFFICIIS.

Rev. Zedekiah S. Barstow, *Secretary.*

Rev. Abraham Burnham, *Treasurer.*

Rev. Messrs. Daniel J. Noyes and Nathaniel Bouton, *Ministers of Concord.*

Rev. John M. Whiton was chosen *Moderator;* Rev. Moses Kimball, *Scribe,* and Rev. R. F. Lawrence, *Assistant Scribe.*

Prayer was offered by the moderator, and the rules of the Association were read by the secretary.

Messrs. Noyes, Tracy and Young, were appointed a committee of nominations and overtures.

Messrs. Woods, Perkins, Strong, Rankin and Leach, were appointed to take minutes from the narratives on the state of religion, and make a report.

Messrs. Perry, D. Kimball and Buxton, were appointed to confer with the delegate from the General Association of New York, and report on the expediency of corresponding with that body. The committee subsequently reported, recommending that said Association be recognized as a corresponding body, and that the delegate be admitted to a seat in this Association. The report was accepted and adopted.

Communications were presented from the Free Church of Scotland, responding in most friendly terms to a former communication from this body.

A letter was read from the Congregational Union of Canada East, requesting a correspondence with us. Upon which,

Voted, to refer the appointment of a delegate to the committee of nominations; and if the delegate who shall be appointed, fail of attending the meeting of the Union, he be directed to write to that body, returning our fraternal congratulations.

Adjourned to meet at a quarter after one.

Met according to adjournment.

A communication was presented from the Congregational Association of Michigan, which was referred to the committee of overtures; who subsequently recommended a correspondence with that body.

The narratives on the state of religion were then presented.

Messrs. A. W. Burnham and Leach were appointed to designate the place for the next meeting of the General Association, and the district Association to appoint the preacher.

Voted, That twenty minutes be allowed to-morrow forenoon to Prof. Sturtevant, representing the Association for aiding western institutions; and ten minutes each to the agent of the American Seamen's Friend Society; the agent of the American Sunday School Union; the agent of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, and the agent of the Foreign Evangelical Society.

The committee on the place of meeting reported, and the next meeting of the Association was appointed at Portsmouth; and Belknap Association was designated to appoint a preacher for the opening service.

The trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund made their report, which was accepted and adopted.

Voted, That the American Seamen's Friend Society be inserted in the plan for benevolent contributions, in the months hitherto left "optional."

Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, Edward L. Parker, Jonathan Curtis, Amos W. Burnham, Nathaniel Bouton, Phineas Cook, John S. Winter, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Zedekiah S. Barstow, Abraham Bodwell and David Perry, were appointed a committee to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of this body.

The secretary read a reply to the letter from the Free Church of Scotland, which was approved and ordered to be sent to the committee of said Church.

A letter was read from Rev. Amasa Jones, describing the wants of the west, and applying for additional laborers.

Adjourned to eight o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Mr. Spalding, secretary of the American Seamen's Friend Society.

Wednesday morning, 8 *o'clock*. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. D. P. Smith.

Delegates to foreign bodies, who were present, reported.

A revision of the schedule for appointing delegates to foreign ecclesiastical bodies, was referred to the publishing committee.

Messrs. Noyes and Tracy were appointed to prepare the Pastoral Letter next year.

The committee on Christian Psalmody made a verbal report, which was accepted.

The treasurer of the General Association made his report, which was accepted.

Rev. Abraham Burnham was appointed treasurer of the Association, and Rev. N. Bouton, auditor.

On motion of Mr. Hale,

Resolved, That the cause of temperance has *ever* had our hearty approval, and that as ministers of the gospel we rejoice to coöperate in active measures to perpetuate its principles.

The New-Hampshire Branch of the American Education Society then held their annual meeting. In the absence of the secretary, whose report was subsequently received and referred to the publishing committee, the Rev. Mr. Ridell, secretary of the parent society, addressed the meeting. The following officers were appointed.

Rev. Nathan Lord, D. D., *President;* Rev. John Richards, *Secretary;* Hon. Samuel Morril, *Treasurer;* and the same board of directors as last year.

The meeting was then addressed by Rev. Mr. Adams, in behalf of the American Sunday School Union; by Rev. Mr. Bullard, in behalf of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society; by Rev. Mr. Spalding, in favor of the American Seamen's Friend Society; by Prof. Sturtevant, of the college at Jacksonville, Ill., in behalf of the association for aiding western literary institutions; and by Rev. Mr. Sawtell, in behalf of the Foreign Evangelical Society.

On motion of Mr. Bouton,

Resolved, That we highly approve the object of collegiate and theological education at the west, and that we recommend to the ministers in connection with this body the presentation of this object to their respective congregations at least once a year.

On motion of Mr. Woods,

Resolved, That in view of the present condition of the Protestant churches in France, and the blessings that attend the circulation of the Holy Scriptures in that kingdom, as described by Mr. Sawtell, this Association deeply sympathize and rejoice with our Christian brethren there; and we recommend to the prayers and patronage of our churches, the Foreign Evangelical Society, whose object is to aid and promote evangelical piety, especially in papal countries.

On motion of Mr. A. W. Burnham,

Resolved, That the General Association of New-Hampshire deeply sympathize with our brethren who are preaching the gospel in the western valley, and bid them God speed in their work; and in responding to an application for additional laborers in that important portion of our Lord's vineyard, communicated to this body from the Rev. Amasa Jones, of Missouri, we recommend the subject to the prayerful consideration of any ministers in our connection, who are in a condition to comply with his request.

Voted, A tax of fifty cents from each member of the Association.

The committee of nominations reported the following as delegates to foreign bodies; which report was accepted and adopted.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Messrs. Nathaniel Bouton, Amos W. Burnham, } primaries.

Rev. Messrs. Eden B. Foster, Pliny P. Day, } substitutes.

To the (Triennial) General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Jonathan M'Gee, primary;
Rev. James Aiken, substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Messrs. Alvan Tobey, Erdix Tenny, } primaries;

Rev. Messrs. Daniel Lancaster, C. W. Wallace, } substitutes.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Messrs. Bezaleel Smith, Jonathan Curtis, } primaries;

Rev. Messrs. Matthew H. Smith, John C. Page, } substitutes.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Messrs. Moses Kimball, Edmund Burt, } primaries;

Rev. Messrs. Asa P. Tenny, E. J. Carpenter, } substitutes.

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Messrs. Isaac Knight, Benjamin G. Willey, } primaries;

Rev. Messrs. Horace Wood, Nath'l Barker, } substitutes.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Messrs. Austin Richards, Benj. F. Foster, } primaries;

Rev. Messrs. Giles Leach, James Tisdale, } substitutes.

To the Congregational Union of Canada—East.

Rev. David Perry, primary;
Rev. R. F. Lawrence, substitute.

To the Congregational Association of Michigan.

Rev. John Woods, primary;
Rev. Samuel Lee, substitute.

To the General Association of New York.
Rev. Archibald Burgess, primary;
Rev. Jacob Scales, substitute.

Adjourned to meet at half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Messrs M. Kimball and Noyes be a committee of publication.

Voted, That hereafter the delegates to the General Association from the several district associations, be expected and required to enter the statistics of the churches on the general schedule, and hand the same to the scribe, without reading; and that their written reports contain only such matters as are of general interest to the churches.

The Association then gave place to the annual meeting of the *New-Hampshire Bible Society;* after which the regular meeting was resumed.

The committee to present the pastoral letter this year failed of performing that duty, and their excuse was accepted.

Voted, That the secretary be directed to provide and forward to the district associations, or the several pastors, schedules which shall correspond with the general schedule, to be filled up and forwarded from the several associations to the General Association.

Voted, That the last clause in the fifteenth standing rule, requiring "the number of young men under twenty-five years of age, and the number who are preparing for the ministry in each church, to be reported in the schedule," be stricken out.

Voted, That the reports of the state of religion in the churches end with the first Sabbath in July, instead of the 30th day of June.

Rev. John Wilde was appointed preacher before the communion next year, and Rev. Stephen T. Allen substitute.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Rockwood.

Thursday morning, Aug. 29. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. A. W. Burnham.

The committee on the state of religion made a report, which was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McEwen,

Voted, That the letter on the subject of slavery, prepared the last year, to be sent to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, by the delegate from this body, not having been forwarded, as it is supposed, be furnished by the committee who prepared it, to the delegate for next year, to be presented to the General Assembly as

expressive of the views now entertained on that subject by the General Association of New-Hampshire.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the Rev. Messrs. Noyes and Bouton, and their people, for their generous and Christian hospitality. Also, to the choir for their acceptable services.

Adjourned till after the public services in the afternoon.

Rev. John K. Young preached, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, the exercises of which were conducted by Rev. Dr. Merrill, of Vermont, and Rev. Prof. Sturtevant, of Illinois.

Business of the Association was then resumed.

Voted, That the foregoing be approved as the Minutes of the Association.

After prayer, by Rev. Mr. Perry, the Association adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN M. WHITON, *Moderator*.

MOSES KIMBALL, *Scribe*.

R. F. LAWRENCE, *Assistant Scribe*.

APPENDIX.

STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., by a concio ad clerum by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the secretary, the treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and delegates from district associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every association, two from every association of seven members, three from every association of thirteen members, and four from every association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate, who has not received ordination.

5. The secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business which may afterwards be enlarged by the committee of overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to foreign bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a committee of overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The district associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The publishing committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the district associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the state.

20. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

The following modification of the exercises of the General Association was adopted at their meeting at Nashua, in 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meetings, public religious services under the direction of the pastor of the place, be held every evening during the session; that the narratives on the state of religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers: That Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the N. H. Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the N. H. Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other objects as the Association shall direct and time will allow—and finally, that a sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

REPORT ON THE WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

To the General Association of New-Hampshire, at Concord, August, 1844.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charity Fund held their Annual Meeting at the house of their President, Rev. Mr. Bouton, Concord, June 5, 1844, and elected

Rev. N. Bouton, *President;*
Rev. A. Burnham, *Secretary;*
Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Treasurer;*
Messrs. N. Bouton and D. J. Noyes, *Auditors;*
Messrs. Bouton, Burnham and Fisk, *Prudential Committee.*

Voted, to confirm the doings of the Committee in admitting Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Clary to the list of beneficiaries.

After adjournment the Committee appropriated to

Mrs. M. Pillsbury,	$20·00
" R. Hall,	20·00
" M. Dow,	20·00
" Clary,	20·00
	$80·00

A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New-Hampshire,
In account with A. BURNHAM, *Treasurer.*

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Received from

Belknap Association,		$3 50
Caledonia	"	1 50
Deerfield	"	3 00
Derry	"	4 00
Hollis	"	6 50
Hopkinton	"	6 00
Harmony	"	3 00
Lancaster	"	1 00
Monadnock	"	9 00
Orange	"	0 00
Piscataqua	"	8 50
Sullivan	"	5 00
Union	"	6 00
		$57 00
Balance in Treasury,		29 32
Amount of receipts,		$86 32

DR.

To paid Rev. Mr. Barstow, for postage and freight,	$1 45
" " Rev. D. Kimball, for printing, &c.,	6 50
" " Mr. Blodgett, for printing Minutes,	38 00
	$45 95
Balance in Treasury,	$40 37

A. BURNHAM, *Treasurer.*

Pembroke, Aug. 19, 1844.

I hereby certify, that I have examined the account of Rev. Mr. Burnham, Treasurer of the N. H. General Association for the year 1843, and find it correct.

N. BOUTON, *Auditor.*

Concord, Aug. 23, 1844.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

As we come up to these heights of Zion, and look out to take a survey of the past year, a voice from heaven is heard, saying, "Come, behold what desolation the Lord hath made in the earth," —and another voice is heard saying, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works follow them." The venerated HARRIS, and the beloved CUTLER, and NICHOLS, and PIERCE, have fallen. In other scenes they mingle—with other beings they associate. From the folds of Christ, also, numbers of the flock, most eminent for piety and usefulness, have been removed to the eternal world. As our eye passes on beyond the limits of the past year, other names of precious memory rise to our view, and we almost involuntarily exclaim, Our fathers! where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever? In their day they not only took a deep interest in every thing which pertained to the good of Israel, but their presence, their counsels and their prayers seemed indispensable to the very life and being of these interesting anniversaries. "These suns are set: O! rise some other such." The review of the past solemnly admonishes us that what we do we must do quickly. The Judge standeth before the door.

At some of the meetings of this Association in former years, so great has been our rejoicing in view of the triumphs of God's grace, that there seemed to be no place for tears of sadness, or sighs of despondency. Not so on the present occasion. Although we still have great cause to sing of the loving kindness of the Lord, for continuing to us the blessings of the gospel, the unmolested enjoyment of his word and ordinances, and the shedding down of a few drops of mercy on some parts of Zion's thirsty hill; yet on this occasion we seem more than usually called to mourn and lament after the Lord.

The thirteen district Associations which compose this body represent 170 churches, which, so far as reported, contain 20·957 communicants—all bound by solemn covenant to be laborers in the vineyard of God. Additions to these churches by profession and letter the last year were but 661; while the removals were 769; exceeding the additions by 108. This is a sad report to be published to the world—sadder still to be told in heaven. It calls for deep humiliation before God. Why is prayer hindered? Why are the mercies of God restrained? For this withdrawal of the Holy Spirit's influences, there should be, throughout the state, deep searchings of heart. Ministers and people should lie, day and night, in the dust before an offended God; for who can tell but he may yet be gracious and spare us; and of his great mercy bless us, even more abundantly than in years past.

But we will not despise the day of small things. A few souls, truly converted to Christ, are an acquisition to the church more to

be prized than as many thousands added as the fruits of fanaticism and wild extravagance. "Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?"

Several associations report individual cases of hopeful conversion the past year In Francestown and Deering, revivals to some extent have been enjoyed, by which more than 30 have been added to the churches, and others, having hope, yet remain to be gathered in. In the academy at Meriden, also, there has been a short season of unusual attention to religion, by which 8 or 10 were led to cherish hopes of salvation. The general interests of this important institution, founded in Christian charity, and affording constant aid to from 12 to 20 indigent young men, having the ministry in view; and of Dartmouth College, also, continue to be highly prosperous.

The Theological Seminary at Gilmanton, having undergone some important changes during the past year, seems to be awakening a new interest. Six young men at the last anniversary completed their course of study, and are now laboring in the gospel vineyard. The prospects of the Seminary are encouraging: and with the patronage and prayers of the pastors and churches of New-Hampshire, and the blessing of heaven, it may be expected to prove instrumental of great good to the state and to Zion.

Sabbath schools are represented as being generally prosperous—public worship on the Sabbath as being well attended—the cause of temperance as steadily advancing, and the churches, though some of them assailed with new forms of error and fanaticism from without, as being steadfast in the faith and enjoying peace and quietness among themselves.

On this occasion we welcome most cordially the delegates from foreign bodies who have come to mingle their sympathies and prayers with ours. Although they bring not so good tidings as in some former years, we rejoice to meet them and hear of their welfare.

The delegate from the General Association of New York reports from 140 to 150 churches connected with that body, nearly 130 ministers and licentiates, and about 10·000 communicants. These, however, do not embody all the Congregationalism of New-York. There are churches and associations, he says, which have not yet identified themselves with the General Association. "A goodly number of the churches have experienced blessed refreshings from the presence of the Lord." "There is a stability, a doctrinal soundness, an increasing affection gradually developing among the churches and ministers which betoken cheering things in the future." "We are not strong in numbers, or in wealth, but we humbly feel strong in the Lord." "With sling and stone we go out undaunted against the champions who defy the God of Israel."

The delegate from Vermont reports 12 district associations in that state, embracing 203 churches, 94 of which have settled pastors, and 61 stated supplies: 41 are destitute. The present number of communicants is 21·200. No copious or extensive effusions of the

Holy Ghost have been enjoyed. "The benevolent enterprises of the day have a strong hold on the affections of the churches, and contributions have been unexpectedly liberal." An increasing interest is felt in maintaining the great doctrines of the gospel. Churches are becoming more stable and less given to change. The advantages of a permanent ministry are becoming more and more apparent.

The delegate from Connecticut reports no extensive work of grace in that state the past year. Divine influences to some extent have descended on many places and sinners been converted, saints edified and the churches strengthened. Yale College has experienced refreshings from the presence of the Lord, and about 25 are the hopeful subjects of renewing grace.

The delegate from Massachusetts, after referring to evils which exist in the churches in that state, says, "Peace has been extended to us as a river. The churches have been gathering in and enjoying the fruits of those revivals which they experienced a year ago. The multitudes who were converted to God in those times of refreshing, have thus far proved steadfast and unmovable; they have walked in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost. From every section of the commonwealth most animating intelligence comes up respecting the progress of temperance."

The delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church reports more than 12·000 as having been added to their body the past year, making the whole number now in communion 166·400. The whole number of ordained ministers is 1523, and 200 licentiates. The number of churches reported is 2150; 500 of which are destitute of the stated preaching of God's word, most of them in the great valley of the west. More than 500 young men are under the patronage of the Board of Education.

On a review of the whole, we see no cause why any of the sons of Zion should let their harps hang upon the willows a moment longer. With the instituted means of grace New-Hampshire has not, for many years, if ever, been better supplied than it is at this day. What is wanted is the accompanying influences of the Holy Spirit to give the word success. To secure this blessing, let the trumpet be blown in Zion and solemn assemblies be called;—let the people be gathered, the elders assembled, and the congregations sanctified. Let the priest, the minister of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let every one who can breathe the breath of prayer before God, resolve, that for Zion's sake he will not hold his peace, and for Jerusalem's sake he will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. So God, even our own God, shall bless us, and we be no more termed, Forsaken, nor our land, Desolate; but our sons grow up as plants, and our daughters as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

J. Woods, *for the Committee.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Alton,															
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	126	189	308										
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	19	31	50		3	3							
Gilmanton Centre	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	70	100	170		3	3	3		3	6		4	4
" Iron Wks.,	Rufus Childs, s s		44	85	129				2			2			
" 1st ch.	Elias Chapman, s s		29	46	75	1		1					1		1
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	59	138	197	8	7	15	6	1	1	8	8	5	13
" Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	26	56	82	2		2	5	2	4	11	1	2	3
Sandbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	63	116	179	5	3	8		2		2	4	4	8
Total, 9	8		436	761	1140	16	16	32	16	5	8	29	14	15	29

Without Charge.—Rev. William Cogswell, D. D., Rev. Isaac Bird, Rev. Joseph Lane, Rev. Aaron Warner, Rev. Heman Rood, Rev. Charles Tenney.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Bath,	Edward Cleveland,	Stated supply.	28	67	95		8	8	4		1	5		1	1
Littleton,	E. I. Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	37	87	124	2	2	4	7		1	8	1	2	3
Bethlehem,	Edmund Burt,		12	20	32		2	2			1	1		1	1
Franconia,	Edmund Burt,	Jan. 13, 1841.	9	20	29		1	1	1		1	2		1	1
Total, 4	4		86	194	289	2	13	15	12		4	16	1	5	6

Rev. D. Fairbank, unsettled.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Chichester,	Destitute.		62	102	164		1	1		1	8	9			
Deerfield,	Eph. N. Hidden.	Sept. 1, 1841.													
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam.	July 6, 1830.	43	112	155	2	2	4	3		2	5	1	5	6
Epsom,	Winthrop Fifield.	May 10, 1837.	52	93	145				2		2	4		3	3
Loudon,	Destitute.														
Northwood,	E. C. Cogswell.	Nov. 3, 1842.	51	63	114		2	2	1	4		5		3	3
Nottingham,	Destitute.														
Pittsfield,	Jona. Curtis.	October, 1834.	65	124	189	1	2	3	3		1	4		3	3
Raymond,	John C. Page.	Oct. 7, 1841.			136		3	3	7	1	2	10		4	4
					903			13				38			

Unsettled Ministers.—Deerfield, Nath'l Wells; Chichester, Josiah Carpenter; Northwood, Josiah Prentice; Cornish, Rufus A. Putnam. *Candidate.*—Joseph Ayers.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
1st Ch. Derry Vill.	P. B. Day.	Oct. 4, 1837.	49	102	151				16		5	21		6	6
Candia,	Wm. Murdock.	Dec. 1, 1841.	100	156	256	15	2	17	2		1	3	7	4	11
Chester,	Jona. Clement.	Oct. 13, 1830.			234	2		2	4		7	11			
" West Parish.	Samuel Ordway.	Stated supply.													
Derry,	Edward L. Parker.	Sept. 12, 1810.			325										
Londonderry,	T. G. Brainard.	Nov. 5, 1840.	68	159	227				1	1	3	5		6	6
Windham,	*Pastor deceased.*		70	105	175	L'st y's report.									
Salem,	Wm. H. Hayward.	Stated supply.	19	26	45						2	2		1	
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley.	Oct. 1836.			100	"	"	"							
Pelham,	Cyrus W. Allen.	Feb. 1, 1843.			104	"	"	"							
Hudson,	William Page.	Aug. 14, 1844.	30	39	69	1	2	3			2	2		4	4
Atkinson,	*Pastor deceased.*														
					1686			22				54			

Unsettled Ministers.—Hampstead, John Kelley; Windham, Samuel Harris; Beyroot, N. A. Keys; Greenfield, Mass., Charles P. Russell; Maine, Jonas Fiske.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Conway,	John Wilde,														
Campton,	Charles Shedd,					1	6	7			3	3	1	5	6
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,		25	55	80	1		1	1	2	3	6	1	2	3
Ossipee,	John M. Winter,				95						1	1		2	2
Plymouth,	Vacant.				142	1		1	6		1	7		7	7
Sandwich, North,	Vacant.														
Sandwich, First,	Otis Holmes,		30	60	90	2	2	4	4		3	7	2	16	18
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,		80	156	236	1	3	4	7	3		10	1	2	3
Tuftonborough,	John S. Winter,		12	22	34	3	1	4					1	2	3
Thornton,	William Gale,		17	25	42										
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker.														

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

urc es.	Ministers.	When Settle .	Communicants.			Addit ns.			al	emovals	Baptism		p ms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Andover, and	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.	8	16	24	2	1	3	2			2	1		1
Wilmot,	" "		10	15	25	3		3					3		3
Boscawen 1st,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.	102	173	275	8	3	11	10		6	16	3	9	12
" 2d,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	66	108	174	2	4	6	6		4	10	2	13	15
Bradford,	Stephen Rogers,	Dec. 20, 1838.	44	75	119	4		4	2	2	3	7			
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842.	25	55	80	4	12	16			1	1			
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	58	100	158				1	6	3	10		4	4
Concord, 1st,	Nath'l Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	71	200	271	2	11	13	15		2	17			
" West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April, 1833.	81	151	232		2	2	6	1	2	9		5	5
" South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1837.			200	1	14	15	7	2	1	10		5	5
" East,	Hiram Freeman,	Nov. 1843.			112	9	10	19	2			2	5	1	6
Franklin,	Isaac Knight,	Sept. 27, 1837.	27	75	102		10	10	2		2	4			
Henniker,	Eden B. Foster,	Oct. 12, 1841.	75	140	215	21	3	24	5		4	9	7	12	19
Hopkinton, 1st,	Moses Kimball,	Nov. 7, 1834.	76	191	267	9	7	16	10		4	14	5	19	24
2d,	David Kimball,	Dec. 15, 1837.													
Loudon Village,	Ezekiel Dow, s s														
Hill,	John Le Bosquet,	April 26, 1843.	18	53	71	2	3	5	3	1	1	5	2	3	5
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808.	45	138	183	3	3	6	4		2	6	1	6	7
Sandbornton B'dge,	Corban Curtice,	1843.	53	97	150	3	1	4	5		2	7	3	15	18
and Northfield,	" "														
Salisbury,	Benj. F. Foster,	Nov. 13, 1833.			93	3	1	4	2		1	3	1	4	5
Warner,	James W. Perkins,	March 18, 1840.	54	100	154	2	2	4	susp'd	1	2	3	2	4	6
20	19				2705	75	87	165	72	12	40	128	35	100	135

Rev. William Patrick was dismissed from the pastoral care of the church in Canterbury, Nov. 22, 1843, and Rev. Howard Moody was ordained at the same time. Rev. Walter Harris, D. D., died Dec. 23, 1843.

Unsettled Ministers.—Ebenezer Price, West Boscawen; William Patrick, Canterbury, and Benjamin P. Stone, Concord.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Amherst,															
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	29	50	85	1	1	2						5	5
Hollis,	James Aiken,	Aug. 31, 1843.			250		4	4	1		3	4		2	2
Mason,	E. Hill & J. B. Hill,	Nov.1790,1841.	102	150	252	1		1	2		1	3		3	3
Merrimack,	S. T. Allen,	May 23, 1839.	34	72	106		5	5	13	1		14		4	4
" Evan. ch.	J. W. Shepard,	March 7, 1844.	15	30	45				1		1	2			
Milford,	A. B. Warner,	Feb. 7, 1831.	100	178	278		4	4	4		7	11			
Mont Vernon,	B. Smith,	Aug. 19, 1841.	57	128	185				2		6	8		3	3
1st chh. in Nashua,	M. H. Smith,				443	11	13	24	20	5		25	8	6	14
1st ch. in N. Vil'ge.	A. Richards,				477										
New Ipswich,	S. Lee,	May 5, 1836.	145	248	393	4	1	5	11	2	6	19		3	3
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	91	168	259	1	5	6	3		2	5		11	11
Temple,	Walter Follet,	July 25, 1844.			120									3	3
Wilton,	Charles Whiting,	Jan. 4, 1843.	48	75	123		3	3	2		2	3		2	2
					2289	18	32	50	57	8	24	89	8	40	48

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. Eli Smith, Hollis; Rev. Humphrey Moore, Milford; Rev. Leonard Jewett, Hollis; and one licentiate, Mr. John P. Perry, New-Ipswich.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Colebrook,	C. W. Richardson,					2		2		1	1	2		2	2
Lancaster,	Daniel Perry,	June 7, 1843.	15	61	76	4	21	25			1	1	2	4	6
Dalton,	H. Woods,	July 10, 1839.	20	28	48	1		1						1	1
Whitefield,			10	16	26										
			45	105	150	7	21	28		1	2	3	2	7	9

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Alstead,	Robert Crosset,	April, 1843.	32	65	97	2	4	6	3			3	2	4	6
New Alstead,	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828.	52	80	132		1	1		1	2	3			12
Paper Mill Vill'ge.	Darwin Adams, s s		14	31	45		8	8						1	1
Chesterfield,	Benjamin E. Hale,	Aug. 31, 1842.	19	63	82	1		1	1			1		1	1
Dublin,	Henry A. Kendall,		13	34	47	1	2	3	1			1		2	2
Fitzwilliam,	John Sabin,	March 5, 1805.	70	136	206	1	2	3					1	5	6
Gilsum,	James Tisdale, s s		11	23	34	1	1	2	3		1	4		2	2
Harrisville,	Otis C. Whiton,	Aug. 11, 1842.	22	42	64		1	1		3	1	4		1	1
Hinsdale,					113				9	4		13			
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, L. Townsend, s s		42	113	155	2		2	2	12	6	20		3	3
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818.	75	228	303			21					8	24	32
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman, s s		29	68	97		2	2							
Nelson,	Daniel L. French,	Nov. 4, 1841.	47	67	114		1	1			5	5		2	2
Roxbury,	Ezra Adams, s s		16	25	41		1	1						3	3
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson,	Jan. 5, 1803.			66										
Sullivan,	Spencer S. Clark, s s		28	57	85		2	2	1	2	1	4		5	5
Surry,	Elihu Smith, s s		5	25	30									1	1
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Nov. 15, 1836.	23	61	84		4	4	2		2	4		1	1
Troy,			23	61	84						1	1		4	4
Walpole,	Abraham Jackson,				115		8	8	3		2	5	1	2	3
Westmoreland,	George W. Ash,	Oct. 25, 1843.			158		1	1			8	8			
Winchester,	John Thompson,	May 28, 1840.	50	165	215	6	8	14	2		3	5			
Total, 22	21				2367	14	46	81				83			85

During the past year three pastors have been dismissed, viz: Rev. Messrs Pomeroy, Brown and Crosby; and one has been settled. Ministers without charge besides the above named, within the bounds of the association, Gad Newell, Silas Wilder, Josiah Peabody.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION—No Report.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Barrington,	T. Wells, s s		19	36	55	4		4					3	3	6
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,		24	53	77	1		1			2	2	1	2	3
Dover,			86	299	385				16	1	2	19		6	6
Durham,	Alvan Toby,		†14	58	72										
Epping,	Calvin Chapman,		10	33	43		1	1	1		2	3		1	1
Exeter, 1st,			†50	168	218										
" 2d,	Isaac Hurd,		†24	75	99										
Great Falls,			44	150	194										
Greenland,	Sam'l W. Clark,		11	27	38				1			1		1	1
Hampton,	E. D. Eldridge,		75	133	208	1		1	3		1	4	1	11	12
Kingston,	Samuel Mason, s s		24	57	81	6	9	15	1		1	2	4	5	9
Milton,	Benj. G. Willey,		36	66	102	2	1	3	2		2	4	2	6	8
Newmarket,	S. S. N. Greeley,		35	63	98										
South Newmarket,	E. W. Tucker,		13	20	33	3		3			1	1	1		1
New Castle,	James P. Tyler, s s		9	24	33	5	2	7			2	2			
North Hampton,	Jonathan French,		76	100	176				3		3	6		3	3
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clarke,		†		361										
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,		15	89	104	3		3	3			3	3	1	4
Rye, [ton Falls.	James F. McEwen,		37	81	118						2	2			
Seabrook & Hamp-	Sereno T. Abbott,		30	55	85	7	1	8	3			3	3	9	12
Stratham,	W. J. Newman,		18	44	62		1	1						7	7
Farmington,			†13	17	30										
Newington,			2	8	10						2	2			
23	18				2682			47				52			

Unsettled Ministers.—Jonathan Ward, Brentwood, and T. H. Miller, Portsmouth. *Candidates.*—Elisha T. Rowe and A. M. Payson, Kingston.

† From the report of 1843.

Asworth,	R. W. Fuller, s s				207	10	1	11	4	1	4	9	3	7	10
Charlestown,	J. D. F. Richards,	May 28, 1841.	23	49	72	1	2	3			1	1	1	3	4
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	77	140	217		4	4	5	2	5	12		13	13
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	52	67	119				3		3	6			
Croydon,	J. Hazen & J. Davis, s s	1788.													
Dartmouth College,	John Richards,	April 20, 1842.			264		5	5	7		3	10		3	3
Enfield,	Benj. Burge,		14	16	30									2	2
Goshen,	Aaron Waitt, Jr., s s														
Langdon,	John Wood,	April 8, 1840.	13	21	34	4		4	2		1	3	3	6	9
Lebanon,	Phinehas Cooke,	May 13, 1829.	74	133	207	8	2	10	2		6	8	3	5	8
Lempster,	Daniel Sawyer, s s		35	50	85		2	2	5		2	7		1	1
" 2d ch.			19	23	42				4		1	5			
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	21	51	72	2	3	5	2		2	4		4	4
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 28, 1824.	88	145	233	7	4	11	8		3	11	2	11	13
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales, s s		9	28	37	1	1	2	2		1	3		2	2
Unity,			5	7	12										
Washington,															
17	15				974			34				51			50

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc'd.	Died.	Tot.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Total.
Antrim,	J. M. Whiton,		67	134	201	1	7	8			2	2		2	2
Bedford,	Thomas Savage,		100	150	250	3		3	4		5	9		6	6
Bennington,	Albert Manson,		94	45	69	2	5	7			2	2	1	5	6
Deering,	Wm. Richardson,		18	36	54	16	21	17			1	1	3	3	6
Francestown,	Jonathan McGee,		91	333	424	7	8	15	6		6	12	2	10	12
Goffstown,	J. Willey,		50	90	140				8		1	9		3	3
Greenfield, Evang. ch.	D. P. Smith, s s		48	86	134	2	2	4	45			45	1	12	13
" Cong. ch.	B. Fowler,														
Hancock,	A. Burgess,		87	154	243	3	2	5		4		4		4	4
Hillsborough Bridge,	J. Cummings,		94	45	69		3	3	2	1	2	5		3	3
" Centre,	Destitute.	Last year's report	50	70	120	4		4	2		3	6	1	4	5
Lyndeborough,	J. Kimball,		68	114	182	3	1	4	4		4	8		15	15
Manchester 1st church,	C. W. Wallace,		61	120	181	4	20	24	20		1	22	1	4	5
" 2d church,	Destitute.				20										
New Boston,	E. P. Bradford,				220										
Peterborough,	J. R. French,		64	109	173	1		1	3	3	1	7	1	6	7
16	14				2510			95				135			

RECAPITULATION.

Belknap,	9	Churches,	8	Ministers,	1140	Communicants.
Caledonia,	4	"	3	"	280	"
Deerfield,	9	"	6	"	903	"
Derry,	12	"	10	"	1696	"
Harmony,	13	"	10	"	661	"
Hollis,	12	"	13	"	2766	"
Hopkinton,	20	"	19	"	2705	"
Lancaster,	4	"	3	"	150	"
Monadnock,	22	"	21	"	2364	"
Orange,	9	"	7	"	1200	"
Piscataqua,	23	"	20	"	2682	"
Sullivan,	17	"	15	"	1900	"
Union,	16	"	14	"	2510	"
	170		149		20957	

Plan recommended by the General Association for Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	Tract.	Education.	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.
Strafford,	April and May,	June and July,	August and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Janua.	Feb. and March,
Merrimack,	June and July,	August and Sept.	Oct. and Novem.	Dec. and Janua.	Feb. and March,	April and May,
Grafton and Coos	Aug. and Sept.	Octob. and Nov.	Dec. and Janua.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July,
Hillsborough,	October and Nov.	Decem. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.
Cheshire & Sulli.	Decem. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.
Rockingham.	Febu. and March.	April and May.	June and July.	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Novem.	Dec. and Janua.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN PORTSMOUTH,

August 26, 1845.

PORTSMOUTH:
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STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M. by a concio ad clerum, by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the secretary, the treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and delegates from district associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every association, two from every association of seven members, three from every association of thirteen members, and four from every association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate, who has not received ordination.

5. The secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the committee of overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to foreign bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a committee of overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The district associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The publishing committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the district associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the state.

20. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

The following modification of the exercises of the General Association was adopted at their meeting at Nashua, in 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meetings, public religious services under the direction of the pastor of the place be held every evening during the session; that the narratives of the state of religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers: That Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the N. H. Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the N. H. Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other objects as the Association shall direct and time will allow—and finally, that a sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire met in the North Church, Portsmouth, on Tuesday, August 26, 1845, at 10 o'clock, A. M. and was opened with a sermon by Rev. JOHN K. YOUNG of Meredith-Bridge, from Hab. 3: 2—"O Lord revive thy work."

According to the standing rules the Association was composed of the following members.

DELEGATES FROM THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

From Belknap Association,	Rev. Messrs. Almon Benson, Joseph Lane.
Caledonia "	Rev. E. J. Carpenter.
Deerfield "	Rev. Messrs. E. C. Cogswell, Winthrop Fifield.
Derry "	Rev. Messrs. J. M. C. Bartley, C. W. Allen, Samuel Ordway.
Harmony "	Rev. Messrs. W. P. Gale, Jeffries Hall.
Hollis "	Rev. Messrs. Samuel Lee, Bezaleel Smith, J. W. Shepard.
Hopkinton "	Rev. Messrs. D. O. Morton, J. W. Perkins.
Lancaster "	Rev. C. W. Richardson.
Monadnock "	Rev. Messrs. Daniel L. French, Alvah C. Page.
Orange "	Rev. Nathan Lord, D. D.
Piscataqua "	Rev. Messrs. James Boutwell, B. G. Willey, Jona. Ward, Alvan Tobey.
Sullivan "	Rev. Messrs. Jacob Scales, Benjamin Burge, Amos Blanchard.
Union "	Rev. Messrs. Archibald Burgess, William Richardson, Jacob Cummings.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIIS.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, *Secretary.*
Rev. Abraham Burnham, *Treasurer.*
Rev. R. W. Clark, *Minister of the place.*

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Alexander T. McGill, D. D.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Amos Blanchard.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Hiram Carleton.
General Conference of Maine, Rev. Charles Frost.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Constantine Blodgett.

Rev. Archibald Burgess was chosen *Moderator;* Rev. Alvan Tobey, *Scribe,* and Rev. Amos Blanchard, *Assistant Scribe.*

The standing rules of the Association were read by the Secretary, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Revs. R. W. Clark, J. Lane and J. Scales, were appointed a Committee of nominations and overtures.

Voted, That the hours of meeting be 8 o'clock, A. M. and 2 o'clock, P. M.

A letter from the General Assembly of the Free Presbyterian Church in Scotland, was read by the Secretary,—and Rev. Dr. Lord was appointed to prepare a reply to that communication.

A letter was also read by the Secretary from Rev. Mr. Hammond, delegate of the General Association of Michigan, assigning reasons for his non-attendance, and requesting a continued correspondence with us.

Rev. Messrs. Lee, Smith, McGill, D. D., Frost, and Blanchard of Mass. were appointed a Committee to prepare a report from the narratives of the state of religion.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.—Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Dr. Edwards led in prayer. The narratives of the state of religion in the district Associations, and by delegates from corresponding bodies, were given; in the course of which, at the suggestion of the moderator, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Woods and the congregation was addressed by Rev. Mr. Blodgett of R. I.

The public exercises were closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. McGill.

On report of the Committee of overtures,

Voted, That ten minutes be allowed to each of the following gentlemen to present their respective objects of christian effort, viz.: Rev. Mr. Beckwith, the Cause of Peace; Rev. Mr. Bullard, the Mass. Sabbath School Society; Rev. Mr. Niles, the Seamen's Friend Society; Rev. Dr. Edwards, the Sabbath; Rev. Mr. Clark or Spaulding, Foreign Missions; Rev. Mr. Thompson, the Christian Alliance.

The report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented by Rev. Abraham Burnham. *Voted,* That this report be accepted, adopted and printed in the appendix of the minutes.

Rev. Messrs. Perkins and Bartley were appointed a Committee to designate the place for the next meeting of the General Association, and the district Association which shall appoint the preacher.

Delegates to foreign bodies for the last year reported their attendance.

A committee was appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of this body, viz:

Revs. Jonathan French, Edward L. Parker, Amos W. Burnham, Nathaniel Bouton, Phineas Cook, John S. Winter, Nathan Lord, D.D., John Woods, Zedekiah S. Barstow, Abraham Bodwell and David Perry.

The Treasurer presented his report as certified by the auditor, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Rev. Abraham Burnham was chosen Treasurer, and Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, Auditor.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Lord, Association adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday morning. Association met according to adjournment, and were led in prayer by Rev. Mr. Lane.

Revs. Amos Blanchard and J. D. F. Richards were appointed to prepare the pastoral address for next year.

Revs. Alvan Tobey and Rufus W. Clark were appointed a publishing committee.

Rev. Messrs. Cummings and Perkins were appointed a committee to distribute the minutes of corresponding bodies and reports of benevolent societies.

Revs. A. Burnham and J. Boutwell were appointed to report the number of copies of our minutes, which shall be sent to corresponding bodies.

Voted, That the sum of 50 cents each be assessed on the members of the district associations.

The preacher before the communion at the close of this meeting and the substitute having both failed, voted that Rev. Mr. Temple be requested to preach on that occasion.

Voted, That the subject of collecting the Associational tax be referred to a committee, and Revs. A. Burnham and B. Burge were appointed the committee.

Voted, That half past 11 be assigned for the N. H. Branch of the American Education Society.

The Association, taking into view the great dearth of revivals, *Voted,* That this body deem it a duty to observe in connexion with our churches, *a day of fasting and prayer*; and that we recommend *the last Friday in September* to be so observed.

At half past 9 the public exercises commenced with singing. Rev. Mr. Beckwith addressed the Congregation on the subject of Peace, Rev. Mr. Bullard, for the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society; Rev. Mr. Niles, for the American Seamen's Friend Society; Rev. Dr. Edwards, respecting the Sabbath.

After the address of Dr. Edwards, the following article was adopted by vote of the association: As several Conventions of the friends of the Sabbath, have been held in different parts of the United States, for consultation on the best ways and means, by the diffusion of information, by united example and kind moral influence, of persuading all persons to abstain from worldly business, travelling, and amusements, and to attend the public worship of God on the Lord's day; and as such conventions have been thought to be useful, therefore *Resolved,* that a Committee of five be appointed to consider the expediency of calling a State

Sabbath Convention; and, should they judge best, to procure the calling of such a Convention at such time and place as they may think proper.

Rev. Mr. Temple, late missionary, addressed the Congregation in behalf of Foreign Missions; and Rev. Mr Thompson of New-York, for the Christian Alliance.

The following resolution, proposed by the committee of overtures, was adopted; viz. Resolved by this Association, that it be recommended to the ministry and the laity in our churches to further the objects of the Christian Alliance by their contributions and their prayers.

A committee of three, Rev. Messrs. Tobey, Blanchard and Lee, were appointed to take into consideration the subject of conventions on Foreign Missions, and report at this meeting.

Rev. Dr. Lord read a reply to the letter from the General Assembly of the Free church in Scotland.

Voted, That the letter read be accepted and sent.

Rev. Dr. McGill presented a resolution of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, which he represents, calling our attention specially to the Assembly's action on slavery. The resolution was passed to the committee of overtures.

At a quarter past 11 the Association gave place to the N. H. Branch of the American Education Society.

Afterwards being in session, Revs. Jonathan French, John Woods, Nathaniel Bouton, Edward L. Parker and John K. Young were appointed a committee on the subject of a state Sabbath convention.

The committee of overtures reported a resolution on slavery, which, after discussion, was referred, with other documents, to a committee consisting of Revs. Dr. Lord, Mr. Tobey, and Mr. Lee.

Adjourned to meet in the afternoon at the close of the meeting of the N. H. Bible Society.

Met accordingly. The committee on the place and preacher for the next meeting reported, recommending *Newport* for the place, and that *Derry Association* appoint the preacher. The report was accepted, and adopted.

The Committee on *Foreign Missionary Conventions* reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That we strongly recommend the holding of Foreign Missionary Conventions at suitable times and places, as well adapted to diffuse information, increase wisdom and produce a more effective interest in the great work of preaching the Gospel to every creature; and we recommend to the District Associations or the County Conferences to take measures for calling such Conventions at such times and places as they may judge will be most useful.

Rev. Jonathan French was appointed preacher before the Communion next year, and Rev. Edward L. Parker, substitute.

On report of the nominating Committee the following delegates to Corresponding Bodies were appointed, viz.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Annual,)

Rev's. Eden B. Foster and Plin B. Day, } Primaries.

Rev's. Samuel Delano and A. B. Warner, } Substitutes.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Triennial.)

Rev. James Aiken, Primary.
" J. G. Brainard, Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev's. Daniel Lancaster and C. W. Wallace, } Primaries.
Rev's. Joseph Lane and J. W. Perkins, } Substitutes.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev's. Moses Kimball and John C. Page, } Primaries.
Rev's. G. W. Ash and S. S. N. Greely } Substitutes.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev's. A. P. Tenny and E. J. Carpenter, } Primaries.
Rev's. Moses Gerould and R. W. Clark, } Substitutes.

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev's. Horace Wood and Nathaniel Barker, } Primaries.
Rev's. D. O. Morton and Benjamin Burge, } Substitutes.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island.

Rev's. Giles Leach, and James Tisdale, } Primaries.
Rev's. John Wood and Wm. Richardson } Substitutes.

To the Congregational Union of Canada East.

Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Primary;
Rev. C. W. Richardson, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. Jacob Cummings, Primary;
Rev. Charles Shedd, Substitute.

To the General Association of New-York.

Rev. Jacob Scales, Primary;
Rev. J. M. C. Bartley, Substitute.

The Committee on the collection of the Associational tax reported. After discussion, it was *Voted*, that a collector for the Orange Association be appointed; and Rev. Mr. Tenney of Lyme was appointed.

The Committee on the number of copies of the Minutes to be sent to Corresponding Bodies, reported that they could make no arrangement on the subject. It was then *Voted*, that the Secretary be a committee for the apportionment of the Minutes to be sent to Foreign Bodies; and that he determine the number of copies to be printed.

The Secretary showed a copy of the Psalms and Hymns published by the General Association of Connecticut, and by them presented to this Association. Rev's. N. Lord, D. D., J. G. Davis and A. Tobey were appointed a Committee to examine this book and report next year.

The subject of Slavery being again brought up, Rev. Dr. McGill made remarks explanatory of the views and action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church with regard to it.

After prayer by Rev Abraham Burnham, the Association adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday morning, Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Carleton.

Voted, That Rev. Mr. Clark be requested to present the thanks of this Association to the members of the North Church and Society in Portsmouth for their generous hospitality, and to the choir of singers for their acceptable performances, on this occasion.

In view of the interesting statements and forcible appeal made last evening by Rev. Mr. Campfield, one of the agents of the American Sunday School Union, the following resolution was offered by Rev. Mr. Clark of Portsmouth, seconded by Rev. Mr. Barstow of Keene, and unanimously passed, viz:

Resolved, That the American Sunday School Union in establishing Sabbath Schools wherever there is a destitute population, and furnishing them with suitable books, is accomplishing a great and good work, and is recommended to the confidence and prayers and aid of the churches.

Also resolved, that we regard the operations of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society as eminently calculated to further the interests of religion among the youth of our land, and we recommend said Society to the prayers and aid of our churches.

Rev. Mr. Bouton, for Rev. Mr. Noyes, (who was not present,) presented the Pastoral Letter. It was read in part, and referred to Rev. Mr. Noyes to be prepared for publication.

Rev. Dr. Lord, of the Committee on Slavery, offered their report, which after discussion was re-committed.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Morton,

Resolved, That we open a fraternal Correspondence with the Congregational Union of Scotland. Rev. D. O. Morton was appointed to prepare a letter to that body.

After remarks by Rev. Dr. Lord on the letter prepared by him to the General Assembly of the Free church of Scotland, the vote to adopt the letter was reconsidered; and it was re-committed.

The Association gave place to the meeting of the N. H. Missionary Society.

Afterwards being in session the Committee on Slavery presented their report amended, and it was unanimously accepted and adopted, as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, with other documents on the subject of Slavery, beg leave to report the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, at its late meeting in Cincinnati, after much consideration, adopted and published certain views and resolutions on the subject of Slavery; and whereas the General Assembly then instructed its respected delegate to the General Association of New-Hampshire to propose these views and resolutions to the consideration of this body at the pres-

ent time; and whereas this General Association now feels itself virtually though not formally called upon to respond to their brethren, in this respect, in the fear of God; therefore

Resolved, That this General Association is not convinced that Slavery, in any form, is a Divine institution, or consistent with the laws, physical, intellectual, or moral, which are imposed by the Creator on mankind; but the contrary.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Association the government of God is strictly moral and consistent, and, consequently, that the recognition of slavery, though that be admitted, as a subject of the Divine legislation under the Old Testament, and as not directly and formally prohibited under the New Testament, does not prove that slavery is an institution of God as a matter of right, but only proves his wise and benevolent regulation and restraint of it, as a matter of fact: and that in this respect slavery is mainly parallel to other admitted moral and social evils, as for instance polygamy and divorce, which things, however suffered in a ruder age, for the hardness of men's hearts, are inconsistent with true virtue, and are intended to be done away in Christ, through the progressive knowledge and benevolence produced in his churches by the Holy Spirit.

Resolved, That our glorious Lord Jesus Christ not being a temporal prince, a king of this world, and his churches not being political institutions, but entirely separate and distinct from the state, therefore any political interference on his part or on their part, with the laws and usages of the state, or any physical resistance to it, in their spiritual and ecclesiastical character, inasmuch as the state is in its own order equally of Divine appointment, would be unnatural, extra official and out of harmony with the plan of Divine wisdom. But had Jesus Christ, while he recognised the Divine authority of the state, sanctioned any of its tyranical abuses, that would have refuted the argument for his Divine mission. By equality of reasoning, should his churches, while they subsist in acknowledgement of the civil power, and supposed peaceable relation to it, justify any of its immoral and oppressive institutions, they would act inconsistently with their distinctively sacred character and privileges: they would dishonor the gospel, and deserve the rebuke of their brethren.

Resolved, That any justification of slavery, whether that justification be direct or implied, on the part of any christian church, is a violation of the moral law and of Christ's new commandment, and is derogatory to the christian character and calling.

Resolved, That this Association deeply regrets the greatly modified, if not entirely changed position, which has been taken by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church on this subject, because, inasmuch as that body does nowhere deny the essential validity of slavery itself, but only the incidental evils of it, that highly respected and influential body becomes liable to the charge, which some may prefer against it invidiously and fanatically, of justifying the principle of slavery, and of attempting to throw around this unnatural and ruinous institution the sanction of the Bible.

Resolved, That this Association, while it is constrained to believe that the General Assembly has taken a false position in reprobating not the substance of slavery but only its accidents, and while it has reason

to fear not only that that body may be uncharitably, though justly criticised, on that account, but that its authority may be claimed by the open apologists of slavery, yet we would not be understood as countenancing strained and uncharitable action of any church in self purification or indiscriminate denunciations, any more in respect to this evil than to intemperance or other kindred irregularities.

And moreover, though this Association should admit that ecclesiastical action is not the proper remedy of slavery, and even though it should be assumed that slavery will never be removed in this world, but that the tares and the wheat will grow together to the harvest, yet it becomes us to make the sound practical and moral distinction, that tares will be tares, and wheat will be wheat till the end of time, when the Lord of the harvest will make the final and everlasting discrimination.

Resolved, That this Association, while it ought to speak with all meekness and tenderness, on a subject so deeply affecting the integrity and harmony of the churches of this country, and so fearfully implicated with its political relations and interests, yet is under obligation both to God and man, when called upon, as above suggested at the present time, to express its honest convictions with simplicity and earnestness, and to protest against all participation in the system of slavery, fraught, as it is, with such bitter and unmitigated evils, both moral and social, to the country and mankind.

Rev. Mr. Lee, for the committee on the state of religion, read the report on the narrations given to this body.

Voted, That the report be accepted and adopted.

Adjourned to two o'clock P. M.

Met as adjourned. Rev. Mr. Morton read a letter to the Congregational Union of Scotland, which was accepted; and the writer was requested to send it in behalf of the Association.

Rev. Dr. Lord again presented the letter to the General Assembly of the Free church of Scotland.

Voted, That the letter be accepted, and the writer be requested to send it.

Rev. Mr. Temple, late missionary in Malta and Smyrna, preached; and the Lord's supper was administered by Rev. Mr. French of North-Hampton and Rev. Mr. Blanchard of Mass.

The minutes were read and approved: and the Association adjourned.

ARCHIBALD BURGESS, *Moderator.*

ALVAN TOBEY, *Scribe.*
AMOS BLANCHARD, *Assistant Scribe.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New-Hampshire,
In account with A. BURNHAM, *Treasurer.*

Dr.	To paying printer's Bill for 1844,		$40,05
	To paying Rev. Mr. Barstow for freight and postage,		1,26
			$41,31
Cr.	By balance in Treasury last year,	$40,37	
	By received of Rev. S. Rogers,	50	
			40,87
			$00,44

Leaving a balance in favor of the Treasurer of forty-four cents.

A. BURNHAM,
Treasurer of General Association of N. H.

Pembroke, Aug. 18, 1845.

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of Rev. A. Burnham, Treasurer of New-Hampshire General Association, and find it correct. N. BOUTON, *Auditor.*

THE TRUSTEES OF THE

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND,

To the General Association of New-Hampshire,

Report, that we had the pleasure, at the last anniversary of your body, to receive from the Piscataqua Association, $18,00
And from the Monadnock Association, 4,50

Amounting to $22,50

That we have held our annual meeting at Concord, June 4, 1845, and chose the following officers for the present year, viz:

Rev. N. Bouton, *President.*
Rev. A. Burnham, *Secretary.*
Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Treasurer.*
Messrs. Bouton and Noyes, *Auditors.*
Messrs. Bouton, Burnham, and Fisk, *Prudential Committee.*

Then admitted by vote Mrs. Samuel Nichols on to the list of beneficiaries.

After adjournment of the Trustees, the Committee met and made the following appropriations, viz.:

To Mrs. M. Pillsbury,		$25,00
" B. Hull,		25,00
" M. Dow,		25,00
" J. Clary,		25,00
and to Mrs. Samuel Nichols,		25,00
Amounting to		$125,00

All which is respectfully submitted, by

Pembroke, Aug. 1845. A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion present the following Report:

There is a striking similarity in the reports of the several Associations. Most of them embrace the following particulars; viz:—

That there have been no revivals. The only exceptions to this remark are that in a few instances there has been during the year a period of unusual seriousness, and a few cases of hopeful conversion.

That there has been a decrease in the numbers of most of the churches.

That there are, notwithstanding, many things that should make glad our hearts.

There is a tendency to permanency in the ministry, indicated in the feelings and practice of both the pastors and churches.

There is an unusual amount of doctrinal preaching, and this is relished by the churches.

There are a praying few who are spiritual, and whose piety is ripening in the retirement of walking with God.

The churches are for the most part in harmony and peace.

Sabbath Schools are flourishing, and numerously attended.

The forms of wild fanaticism are disappearing, and leaving the community in quietness.

Public worship is more numerously attended than usual.

There is a strong desire in both ministers and churches for the return of revivals.

And we may add, that, so far as reported, there is an increasing interest in the benevolent associations of the day, evinced in a more generous contribution for their support.

Such are the facts as presented in the reports of the several associations. They are facts that should be correctly estimated. We owe such an estimate to God, to ourselves,—our hopes, our fears, our responsibilities.

Are we to regard the present as pre-eminently a time of divine rebuke? There may be elements of rebuke in our condition. God may be rebuking and curing us of our self-reliance, and teaching us that our dependence is on his sovereign interposition. The fact of such dependence is the lesson which the absence of revivals is especially fitted to teach the churches and their pastors.

But are we not in danger of saying too much of divine rebuke, and of the Holy Spirit as withdrawn? To what are we to ascribe many of the *precious facts* presented in the reports—the interest felt in Sabbath Schools and in the Missonary Enterprize; and especially the attendance on public worship, not of the church merely, but of multitudes unusually large beside? Whence too the desire of the spiritual part of the churches for revivals—evinced in "groanings that cannot be uttered"?

Is not this the work of the Spirit? Is the agency of the God of the Seasons to be recognized only in the ripening of the harvest, and in the glad zeal of him who gathers the golden sheaves? A continuous revival is a contradiction in terms, and of course not obligatory. But a continous service, adapted to its ends, and successful, is possible and obligatory. And in the seed-time as in the harvest, in the inculcation, as in the enforcement of divine truth, the agency special and immediate of the Holy Spirit is to be recognized.

God has not forsaken his churches: nor is his work suspended in their midst. A work is now in process by the Holy Spirit. Another and a different work will by and by be done. And of what shall be, the present is a sure guaranty. And the attitude in which every spiritual active christian should be found, in relation to a revival, is that of *waiting God's time* in submissive yet assured expectation. The language of such an one should be "Lo this is our God, we have waited for him, he will come and save us." This, the facts of our condition justify, demand.

When the Children of Israel had come to the borders of the promised land, and, as they supposed, were on the point of taking possession of it, and with probably an undue degree of dependance on their own prowess, God sent them back to wander in the wilderness. And it seemed to them as if in wrath alone. But it was not all rebuke. There never was such another generation of the seed of Abraham before or since, as that which was raised up in "that great and terrible wilderness", and, while *waiting* upon God, they were at length fitted for, and permitted the honor of gathering the harvest of the goodly inheritance. For a similar signal service we may hope God is now preparing the churches, while partly in rebuke and yet more in necessary discipline, he is leading us through this period of severe trial of our hopes and our faith.

From bodies in correspondence with us, we receive reports much like those we ourselves have made.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Old School), report the "increase of their body." In benevolent contributions to various objects, the amount reported for 1845 exceeds that of 1844 by nearly $60,000.—The sanctification of the Sabbath has been promoted to an unusual extent, during the last year. "The religious instruction of the black population has been pursued with new ardor and encouraging success."

From our sister Associations in Massachusetts, Rhode-Island, Vermont, and Maine, we learn that there have been few revivals, yet that the churches are waiting for the salvation of God; that harmony prevails; that the *doctrines* of the gospel are more than ordinarily preached; public worship is well attended; the ministry becoming more permanent, and other kindred facts which we must regard as the "signs of promise." We are especially happy to learn that in Rhode-Island especial efforts are made and with success, to secure the observance of the Sabbath.

All which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee, SAMUEL LEE.

PASTORAL LETTER.

BELOVED BRETHREN :—Assembled as we are once more at our annual religious festival to consult together for the interest of Zion, and especially for the prosperity of the churches over which the Holy Ghost has made us overseers, we see much that calls upon us and you for expressions of gratitude to him who walks in the midst of the golden candlesticks, and holds the stars in his right hand. We cannot but rejoice in the union and harmony which so generally prevail in our churches; in the growing stability of the pastoral relation; in the love which is manifested for sound doctrine, and the confidence that is felt in the old paths; in the increasing attendance, as we believe, on the public means of grace, and in the systematic efforts that have been made during the year, for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in other lands. In these, and many other tokens of the Divine favour, do we rejoice, and acknowledge, under God, our gratitude to you for your kind and cheerful co-operation. But alas! we are pained, and our joy is in a great measure turned into sorrow. We fear that the Great Head of the Church, while he may find many things to commend, has somewhat and it may be much, against us and the people of our charge.—The windows of heaven have been shut up during the year. Few refreshing showers have descended to bless our Zion. With the exception of a very few drops, an almost unbroken drought has prevailed. In some of our congregations—we fear in most of them—not a single conversion has taken place—not a single enquiry after salvation has been heard. On no subject, therefore, do we feel it so important at this time to address you who are our fellow-laborers, and who share with us in the responsibilities of our task, as that of seeking immediately a general revival of religion in the churches of New-Hampshire. It is now many years since such a blessing has been enjoyed. Though many and precious seasons of refreshing here, from time to time, have been granted to different churches in different sections of the State, yet no general outpouring of the Spirit has been received since the year 1831.

We wish in this our annual address to you, to call your most serious and prayerful attention,

1st. To the great importance of such a blessing. How important it is can be fully known only to the Infinite mind. That your hearts may in some degree be impressed with the greatness of the subject, we wish you to consider, 1st. That without such a blessing on our churches, they will in a few years become extinct. There is not a church in New-Hampshire, however large and flourishing it may now be, that would continue to exist a half a century unless visited by extraordinary communications of the Holy Spirit. Look at Massachusetts, where spiritual religion has as firm hold upon the hearts and consciences of men and exerts as much power, as any where on earth. According to the last report from her churches, there has been a decrease in their numbers during the past year, of about four hundred members. This, bear in mind, has been the result, notwithstanding all the revivals of religion with which they have been visited, and they have been more numerous than with us. Let this state of things continue from year to year, and at no very distant day the existence of very many of those churches will be only a matter of history. Think it not impossible that such may be the fate of some of the churches in New-Hampshire. It has already been the fate of a number. The last member has died; and the places

where they once stood and flourished in verdure and beauty, are now a moral waste. Shall other portions of our beloved Zion be withered and consumed by long prevailing drought? Shall the church with which you are connected, whose worship and ordinances have refreshed and strengthened your graces, be of this unhappy number? Can you endure the thought? But will it not be so, if the results of coming years be like those of the past?

2. Again, consider how important is such a blessing to continued union and harmony in our churches. If the peace we now enjoy is the gift of the Holy Spirit, we may be assured that it will not continue without his aid. It is only the image of Christ inscribed on the heart, and his Spirit dwelling there, and breathing forth in the life, that can form an effectual bond of union among members of the same communion. Without this, the sad lessons taught us in former years will soon be forgotten, and severer trials of a similar nature may yet be expected. At a time like the present, when the elements of society are unsettled—when one form of error is pressing so close upon the heels of another—when the transformations of Satan are so perfect as almost to deceive the very elect—when the enemy is leaving no means untried to disturb the fold of Christ, there is no reason to hope that peace and harmony will long continue in our churches, without larger communications of the Spirit's influences than have been experienced for a few years past. How important too, it may be added in this connexion, is such a blessing in order that greater union may prevail among all denominations of Christians. The time is coming—it is now at the door—when the combined strength of all who love Zion is needed to resist the encroachments of fast advancing error and wide prevailing wickedness. But this can be secured only by an increase of holiness in all the branches of Zion. Nothing short of the energies of the Divine Spirit, exerted in an unusual manner, can bring together those of a different name and spirit to embrace each other generally and heartily as brethren. The scenes of Pentecost must be enacted again before the church of Christ will return to its primitive state.

3. Again, consider how important is such a blessing to your own growth in grace. The Christian life is spiritual—begotten by the Spirit—sustained, strengthened and perfected by the Spirit. It is only therefore, as you live in the Spirit, and walk in the Spirit, that you can hope to attain to the full stature of a perfect man in Christ Jesus. There are powerful obstacles in the way to this high attainment, which in most instances will not be overcome under the ordinary influences of the Spirit. It is to little purpose that we reason as to what might be done in this matter and what ought to be done. It is more important for all practical purposes to ascertain what actually is done in most cases. The power of the world over the people of God was perhaps never greater than at this present moment. It is binding them down to earth and earthly things with cords which no human hand can break. Many of them are neglecting the social and, it is feared, to too great an extent, the private duties of religion. Some even are making shipwreck of character—sacrificing their integrity and bringing a deep reproach on the cause of Christ. Now how shall this evil be remedied—how shall the world's destructive charm be broken? The ordinary means of grace, attended only by the ordinary influences of the Spirit, will not do it, as you well know. They have not done it during the past year. They will not do it the year to come. There is no rea-

son to hope that Christians will generally rise above this fatal influence, unless the windows of heaven are opened and copious showers of Divine grace descend. Then the soul will rise above this world, and breathe a more spiritual atmosphere. How ardent is then the Christian's love; how overflowing his joy. His peace is like a river. His spirit is meek, gentle, and forbearing. His faith overcomes the world and gives reality to things unseen; and over all these shining graces is thrown the modest and beautiful veil of humility. His closet then witnesses the fervor and frequency of his prayers. The word of God is sweeter to his taste than honey and the honey-comb. The family altar receives no more the formal sacrifice, but the incense of a warm and grateful heart. We need not enlarge, for we are addressing those who have experienced it all.

4. Again, consider how important is such a blessing in order to the salvation of souls. It will be found by careful examination of the history of the churches in this State, that more than nineteen-twentieths of all cases of hopeful conversion have taken place in times of revival. How few have been rescued from the dominion of sin during the past year! and why so few? The Gospel has been preached—the Sabbath-School sustained and all the usual means of grace enjoyed; but alas how small the results in souls converted to God. The reason is evident. The Spirit of God has not descended and given efficacy to the truth. How different has it been in some former years, years of the right hand of the Most High, when God has made bare his arm. Then his word was with power, even like the fire and the hammer to break in pieces the flinty rock. Then was joy in all our churches. Shall not those precious seasons again return? Shall our neighbors, our friends, members of our families, our children, our brothers and sisters, perish forever? Ministers may warn, Christian friends may entreat, parents may weep, but it is all in vain without the reviving influences of God's Spirit. Come, blessed Spirit, and breathe upon these slain that they may live!

5. Again, consider the influence of such a blessing on the morals of the community. No moral reformation can advance much beyond the tone of moral and religious principle and feeling which prevails in the community. When it has attained that point, it will be stationary, or what is more common become retrograde. This is what we have learned, and are now learning, by our own experience. A revival of religion in all our churches would do more in a single year to dry up the fountains of iniquity that are now pouring forth their polluting streams, than all the merely human instrumentalities that can be wielded for any length of time. Our advice to you, therefore, is, that you look for help to him who has said, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," shall the work be accomplished.

6. Again, consider the importance of this blessing, in its relation to the cause of Missions. There is wealth enough in the churches of this country—and there are men enough to convert the whole world, by God's blessing, within a single generation. Why, then, is the progress of this work so slow? Why are its triumphs so small? Why are not nations born in a day? Do you ask, Why? It is because Christians have so little disposition to use the means which God has put into their hands for this purpose. Are you consecrating yourself, your children—your property, all your influence to this cause? Are others generally doing it? No: for the Spirit of Christ does not dwell in the churches as in

early times. Unless his spirit speedily returns—what shall we do for men to go forth and proclaim salvation to the perishing. Missionaries abroad, who are sinking beneath the load that is pressing upon them, are calling almost in vain for help. The world is perishing,—and have the churches of New-Hampshire done their part to save it? Alas, we are compelled to answer, no. Will they do it? Will men of wealth give their thousands, and poor widows their mites—will parents give their children—will young men come forward and say, "Here am I, send me"—will all give their influence—their fervent and persevering prayers? O Lord, thou knowest. They will, if the Holy Spirit descends and prepares their hearts for this glorious work.

Our limits prevent our adding other considerations to impress your minds with the great importance of this blessing. Nor is it necessary. But is such a blessing, you may inquire—one so important,—within our reach? May we engage in efforts to obtain it without presumption? May we be sure of success in case of faithfulness? Most certainly you may. Did we not most firmly believe this, we would not urge it upon your attention. The whole character of God, the whole tenor of scripture, the whole experience of the church, confirms this position. It is practicable—and you admit it—for each member in all the churches in New-Hampshire to exercise a deeper repentance and stronger faith—to render more perfect obedience to the law of God—to enjoy more constantly and more fully the influences of the Spirit, than has been his experience during the past year. It is practicable for each one to be more watchful, more exemplary, more prayerful than he has ever been, even when permitted to rejoice in a revival of religion. When was it ever known that God withheld this blessing, when his people were thus prepared to receive it?

Remember too that God is more deeply interested in this matter than any other being in the universe. It is advancing the very object for which Christ died—for which the Spirit has descended to our world—for which the Bible has been given, and all the institutions of religion established. What mean his promises—so numerous—so express—so particular—so definite? Was God obliged to give them? Did he do it to mock us? Has he said it, and can he not do it? Far be such suspicions from our minds. It remains true to our day as God's people always found it, "Ask and ye shall receive"—"Whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." Do not doubt it for a moment.

But the most important point connected with the subject is yet to be considered. How shall this blessing be obtained? You are convinced, we doubt not, that it is not only desirable, but within your reach. Surely you are ready to exclaim, "Tell us how we may receive it. Tell us by what means this invaluable blessing may be secured and we will use them." The way is plain, the means are simple, and already so well known to you, that only a few brief suggestions will be added.

In the first place, be deeply impressed with the importance of the subject, in view of considerations such as have been mentioned. Weigh these well. Ponder them again and again. Do not be satisfied with the simple conviction that what has been said is true—that it is important truth. Do not leave the subject till you have felt its full force; till it rises up before you in all its magnitude; till you become so absorbed in it, that it shall appear more desirable to you than all earthly good.

In the second place, let the impression be deep and abiding, that God alone can bestow the blessing. Of this you are fully convinced. You have no doubt of it. What is needed, is to feel it; and so to feel it as constantly to look through and beyond all human instrumentality to the hand which alone can render it effectual to the salvation of the soul.

In the third place, faithfully use all the means in your power to obtain the blessing. Prepare your own heart for the work. (Far more depends on what you are, than what you do.) In view of past neglect of duty let deep repentance and godly sorrow be experienced. Set apart a day, or, if necessary, a number of days, for serious self-examination, and for humbling yourself before God. Search diligently till you find out every sin, and give yourself no peace till it is repented of and forsaken. If it is a right eye, pluck it out; or a right hand, cut it off. This must be done or you cannot hope to succeed.

Let all your conduct, whether of a secular or religious nature, be in perfect accordance with the Gospel of Christ. Walk honorably, humbly and meekly before your fellow men, showing them by your consistent and godly example the reality and excellence of religion. Attend faithfully upon all the public and social means of grace. Never be absent unnecessarily from the prayer-meeting, or the Sabbath-school. Devote yourself, in earnest, to personal efforts for the salvation of souls. Begin with your own family. Are any of them out of Christ? Give yourself no rest, but by instruction, exhortation and entreaty—by every means in your power, lead them to the Lamb of God. Go to your neighbors and do the same. Search out those who neglect public worship, and bring them under the influence of the Gospel. Do not leave this important work for the minister, or the officers of the church, or any one whom, you love to think, can perform it better than yourself. It is your work and must on no account be neglected. Begin it now and persevere in it through all discouragements. Above all, and in connexion with all, pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, watching thereunto with all perseverance. Remember what wonders prayer has wrought. It has equal power now. It always has prevailed with God, and always will. Look for a great blessing. Expect great things. Be not satisfied that the glory of God should appear in a revival of his work in the community where you reside; but pray that our whole Zion may be refreshed, that all our churches may rejoice in the same precious blessing. Expect it immediately. God is ready. He is waiting to be gracious. "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest; behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to the harvest." The seed has long been sown. It has for years been taking root. Begin your work, and very soon will you have occasion to say, "Who are these that fly as a cloud and as the doves to their windows?" They are your neighbors, your friends, your own children, who are coming to unite with you in praising the riches of redeeming love. What is this glad news that comes to us from neighbouring churches, villages and towns far remote? It is the voice of rejoicing over souls converted to God.

Another year will soon pass away, and if this great blessing is received, with what joy shall we assemble again to record the mercy and grace of our God, who has visited his people and given unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

D. J. Noyes.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	To.
Alton															
Barnstead	Enos George	Sept. 26, 1804			*309										
Centre Harbor	Almon Benson	Dec. 23, 1840	18	32	50	1		1			1	1			
GilmantonCentre	Daniel Lancaster	Dec. 16, 1835	73	104	177		9	9	6		1	7		2	2
" Iron Wks.	Rufus Childs	Nov. 6, 1844			130		2	2							
" 1st. Ch.					*75						3				
Meredith Bridge	John K. Young	Nov. 30, 1830	58	139	197	2	6	8	4		2	6			
" Village	Giles Leach	Nov. 23, 1842	29	53	82		2	2							
Sandbornton	Abraham Bodwell	Nov. 13, 1806	61	117	178		2	2	4		1	5		5	5
Total 9,	7, & 5 unsettled,		239	445	1158	3	21	24	14		8	19		7	7

2 Churches not reported.

Unsettled Ministers.—Joseph Lane, Heman Rood, Charles Tenney, Isaac Bird, and William Cogswell, D. D.

*By last year's report.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	To.
Bethlehem	Edmund Burt	Jan. 1841	10	18	28				2	1	1	4		1	1
Littleton	E. I. Carpenter	Dec. 13, 1842	36	86	122	2	2	4	3	2	1	6	1	3	4
Franconia	Edmund Burt	Jan. 1841	9	18	27				2			2		1	1
Bath	Edw'd Cleaveland	July 31, 1844	31	70	101	3	7	10			4	4		3	3
Total 4,	4, and 2 unsettled,		86	190	278	5	9	14	7	3	4	16	1	8	9

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. Drury Fairbank, Littleton, and Rev. David Sutherland, Bath.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	To.
Pittsfield	J. Curtis	October, 1834	66	124	190		2	2	2	2	1	5		2	2
Chichester	Willey, sta. supply		61	97	158				1		8	9			
Deerfield	E. N. Hidden	Sept. 1, 1841			130		2	2	2		6	8		3	3
Dunbarton	John M. Putnam	July 8, 1830	40	108	148										
Epsom	Winthrop Fifield	May 10, 1837	46	89	135				4	1	5	10		2	2
Loudon	Ezekiel Dow	Feb. 12, 1845			85			3			2				
Northwood	E. C. Cogswell	Nov. 3, 1842	47	64	111		3	3	4	2	1	7		1	1
Nottingham	Destitute														
Raymond	John C. Page	Oct. 7, 1841			148				3			3		2	2
Total, 9,			260	482	1105		7	7	19	5	23	42		10	10

1 Church not reported.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	To.
1st Ch. Derry Vill.	P. B. Day	Oct. 4, 1837	49	102	151		2	2	2	1	2	5			
Candia	Wm. Murdock	Dec. 1, 1841	96	133	249	1	1	2	5	1	3	9		9	9
Chester	Jona. Clement	Oct. 13, 1830			220				12		2	14			
Auburn	Samuel Ordway	Stated supply	9	18	27		6	6			3	3		2	2
Derry	Edw. L. Parker	Sept. 12, 1810		*	325										
Londonderry	T. G. Brainerd	Nov. 5, 1840	66	158	224		3	3	5		2	7		4	4
Windham	Pastor deceased		68	88	156	1			3		3	6	1		1
Salem	Wm. H. Hayward	Stated supply	18	26	44						1	1			
Hampstead	J. M. C. Bartley	Oct. 12, 1836	32	66	98		6	6						3	3
Pelham	C. W. Allen	Feb. 1, 1843	31	76	107	1	1	2	3	1	7	11		4	4
Hudson	Wm. Page	Aug. 14, 1844		*	69										
Atkinson	Pastor deceased														
Total 12,	10, and 5 unsettled,		369	687	1690	3	18	21	30	3	23	56	1	22	23

3 Churches not reported.

Unsettled Ministers.—John Kelley, Hampstead; Samuel Harris, Windham; N. A. Keys, Charles P. Russell, Mass.; Jonas Fiske, Maine.

* By last year's report.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	To.
Conway	Vacant		23	64	87				2		1			2	2
Campton	Charles Shedd		26	62	88	1	4	5	2	1	2	5	1	2	3
*Moultonboro'	Joshua Dodge				*80										
Ossipee	John S. Winter	Nov. 1837			93	1		1	1		2	3	1		1
Plymouth	Wm. R. Jewett	June 25, 1845			150				3		1	4		6	6
Sandwich, 1st Ch.	Otis Holmes	Sept. 8, 1842	28	58	86		1	1			1	1		2	2
" 2d "	" " ¼ time		9	14	23										
Tamworth	Jeremiah Blake	June 14, 1843	82	155	237	1		1	5		1	6	1		1
Tuftonboro'	E. Chapman, ¼time	Stated	14	21	35										
Wakefield	Nath'l Barker	Stated supply	18	35	53				5			5			
Wolfboro', 1st Ch.	Jeffries Hall	" "	20	48	68	-1	1	2	4		2	6		2	2
" 2d Ch.	James Daldt	Sept. 26, 1843	27	40	67				1			1			
*Effingham	Vacant		13	30	43						1	1			
Hebron	Liba Conant	Stated supply	5	16	21						2	2			
Groton	" "	" "	17	16	33										
Danbury	Daniel Pulcifer	1844	28	33	59		1	1						3	3
Thornton	Wm. P. Gale	Jan. 1, 1845	19	26	45		4	4			1	1			
Total 17,	13, and 1 unsettled,		329	642	1258	4	11	15	23	1	14	35	3	17	20

1 Church not reported.

Unsettled Minister.—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth

* By last year's report.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	To.
Amherst	J. Gardner Davis	May 22, 1844			300	4	7	11	12	2	7	21	1	12	13
Brookline	Daniel Goodwin	Feb. 27, 1839	29	56	85									4	4
Hollis	James Aiken	Aug. 31, 1843			250	2	3	5	2		8	10	1	7	8
Mason	E. Hill, Jos. B. Hill	Nov. 3, 1790 / Oct. 20, 1841	99	151	250		3	3	3		3	6		3	3
Merrimac	S. T. Allen	May 23, 1839		*	106										
" South, Un. Ev.	John W. Shepard	Mar. 7, 1844	11	30	41		2	2		5	1	6			
Milford	Abner B. Warner	Feb. 7, 1839	100	167	267		9	9	9	3	3	15		1	1
Mont Vernon	Bezaleel Smith		57	125	182		2	2	1		2	3		2	2
Nashua, 1st Ch.	Austin Richards				456	13	11	24	10		5	15			
Nashua				*	443									4	4
New Ipswich	Samuel Lee	May 5, 1836	135	235	370	1		1	13		10	23		13	13
Rindge	A. W. Burnham	Nov. 14, 1821	87	160	248		5	5	7		5	12		6	6
Temple	Walter Follett	July 25, 1844			120		6	6	3			3		4	4
Wilton	Charles Whiting	Jan. 4, 1843	49	74	123	1	5	6	4		2	6		5	5
Total, 14,	13 and 1 unsettled,		567	998	3241	21	53	74	64	10	46	120	2	61	63

2 Churches not reported.

Unsettled Minister.—Humphrey Moore, of Milford.

* By last year's report.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Inf't's.	T.
Andover	Nathan Howard	May 24, 1843	8	16	24									2	2
Bristol	Daniel O. Morton	June 8, 1842	30	60	90			3	3			3			
Boscawen, 1st	Caleb B. Tracy	Sept. 13, 1837		*	275										
" 2d	Edward Buxton	Dec. 12, 1837	64	99	163				2	2	4	8		3	3
Bradford	Stephen Rogers	Dec. 20, 1838		*	119										
Canterbury	Howard Moody	Nov. 22, 1843	60	105	165	3	8	11	2		2	4		6	6
Concord, 1st	N. Bouton	Mch. 23, 1825	68	193	261		4	4	10		4	14		7	7
Concord, West	Asa P. Tenney	April, 1833	79	156	235		11	11	1		1	2		15	15
Concord, South	Daniel J. Noyes	May 3, 1837			200	1	6	7	9		2	11	1	7	8
Concord, East	Hiram Freeman	Nov. 1843	39	76	115	5	4	9	1	1	1	3	2	1	3
Franklin	Isaac Knight	Sept. 27, 1837	27	75	102		6	6						1	1
Henniker	Eden B. Foster	Oct. 12, 1841													
Hopkinton, 1st	Moses Kimball	Nov. 7, 1834	78	194	272	3	7	10	3	1	3	7	2	7	9
" 2d	Daniel Kimball	Dec. 15, 1837													
Loudon Village															
Hill	John Le Bosquet	April 26, 1843	16	48	64	3		3	8			8	2	3	5
Pembroke	Abraham Burnham	March 2, 1808	39	126	165		3	3	6		5	11	1	5	6
Salisbury	Benj. F. Foster	1833	30	50	80		3	3	5		3	8		8	8
Warner	James W. Perkins	Mch. 10, 1840	46	74	120	1	3	4	2	1	1	4	1		1
Wilmot	Nathan Howard	May 24, 1843	9	14	23				1		1	2		1	1
Sanbornton Bridge and Northfield	Corban Curtice	1843		*	150								1	5	6
	" "														
Total 21,	19, and 3 unsettled,		593	1286	2621	16	55	71	53	5	27	85	9	66	75

5 Churches not reported.

Unsettled Ministers.—Ebenezer Price, West Boscawen; Wm. Patrick, Canterbury, and Benjamin P. Stone, Concord.

* By last year's report.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Infts.	T.
Colebrook	C. W. Richardson		27	79	106				2			2		5	5
Lancaster	David Perry	June 7, 1842	14	62	76		4	4	2		2	4		6	6
Dalton			20	28	48										
Whitefield			10	16	26										
Total 4,	2,		71	185	256		4	4	4		2	6		11	11

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	To.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Infts.	T.
Hanover, East	John M. Ellis	Dismissed													
Lyme	Erdix Tenney	Jan. 5, 1831	144	287	431	3	6	9	4	2	3	9	1	8	9
Canaan	Liba Conant	Dismissed													
Orford, West	Daniel Campbell		24	76	100						1	1			
Orford, East	A. B. Foster	June 26, 1844	23	68	91	7	2	9	2		1	3	3	1	4
Piermont	Increase F. Davis	S. s. 1-2 time													
Wentworth	" " "	" " "													
Haverhill	Samuel Delano	Feb. 16, 1842	21	80	101	1	2	3	9	2	1	12	1	7	8
Total 8,	8,		212	511	723	11	10	21	15	4	6	25	5	16	21

5 Churches not reported.

Unsettled Minister.—Nathan Lord, D. D. Hanover.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	T.
Alstead	Robert Crosset	April, 1843	32	65	97		2	2	1	1	2		2	2
New Alstead	Alvah C. Page	Oct. 23, 1844		*	132									
Paper Mill Village	Darwin Adams, s. s.		14	31	45					1	1			
Chesterfield	Benjamin E. Hale	Aug. 31, 1842		*	82									
Dublin	Henry A. Kendall		13	35	48	1	1	2						
Fitzwilliam	John Sabine, Horace Herrick	March 5, 1805	71	137	208	8	4	12	3	7	10	3	10	13
Gilsum	James Tisdale, s. s.			*	34									
Hinsdale	Moses Gerould		43	58	101				2	1	3			
Jaffrey	Laban Ainsworth, Leonard Tenney	March 19, 1845			132					3	3		3	3
Keene	Z. S. Barstow	July 1, 1818	75	235	310	4	11	15	4	4	8	3	12	15
Marlborough	Giles Lyman, s. s.		29	67	96					1	1		1	1
Nelson	Daniel S. French	Nov. 4, 1841			115		7	7		1	1		3	3
Harrisville	Otis C. Whiton	Aug. 11, 1842	24	39	63				1		1			
Roxbury	Ezra Adams, s. s.			*	41									
Stoddard	Isaac Robinson	Jan. 5, 1803			60								2	2
Sullivan	Thos. S. Norton, s.s.				89	2		2		1	1	1	3	4
Surry	J. P. Perry. s. s.		5	21	26				4	1	5			
Swanzey	Elisha Rockwood	Nov. 15, 1836	23	61	84	1		1		1	1	1	13	14
Troy	Luther Townsend	March 5, 1845		*	84	1	1	2	2	2	4			
Walpole														
Westmoreland	George W. Ash	Oct. 25, 1843	39	114	153				2	3	5			
Winchester	John Thompson	May 28, 1840	56	167	223	15	3	18	5	5	10	8	6	14
Total 22,	22, and 6 unsettled,		424	1030	2222	32	29	61	24	32	56	16	55	71

4 Churches not reported.

Unsettled Ministers.—Gad Newell, Josiah Peabody, J. D. Crosby, Jeremiah Pomeroy, Elihu Smith, Abraham Jackson.

* By last year's report.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	T.
Barrington	Theodore Wells	June 11, 1845	19	36	55		1	1			1	1			
Brentwood	James Boutwell	Nov. 4, 1841	25	52	77						2	2			
Dover	Homer Barrows	July 9, 1845	84	294	378		1	1	8		2	10			
Durham	Alvan Tobey	Nov. 20, 1833	12	57	69						3	3		1	1
Epping	Enoch Corser	Stated supply	9	28	37				1			1		1	1
Exeter, 1st	Vacant		41	115	156					2	1	3			
" 2d	Isaac Hurd		19	65	84				7		2	9			
Farmington	†Joseph Lane	Stated supply													
Greenland	Sam'l W. Clark	Aug. 5, 1829	10	27	37	2		2					1	3	4
Hampton	E. D. Eldridge				*208										
Kensington	Vacant, no report	extremely small													
Kingston	Samuel Mason	Stated supply	23	53	76				1	2	2	5			
Milton	Benj. G. Willey	" "	34	66	100					1	1	2		2	2
Newington	Vacant, no report	extremely small													
Newcastle	Jonathan Ward	Stated supply	8	21	29				2		1	3			
Newmarket	Step'n S. N. Greely	Dec. 15, 1842	35	63	98	1	1	2	2			2	1		1
North-Hampton	Jonathan French	Nov. 18, 1801	78	98	176		6	6			6	6		6	6
Portsmouth, N. Ch.	Rufus W. Clark	Nov. 16, 1842			338	1	3	4	3	1	5	9		12	12
Rochester	John E. Farwell	Aug. 16, 1843	23	82	105	1	2	3	1		1	2			
Rye	James F. Mc'Ewen	Dec. 1, 1841	37	78	115						3	3		5	5
Seabrook & H.Falls	Sereno T. Abbot	July 12, 1837	30	55	85									2	2
Somersw'th, (G. F.)	James T. McCollom	Oct. 2, 1844	34	89	123		8	8							
S. Newmarket	‡Elijah W. Tucker	Sept. 15, 1841	13	20	33	3		3					1		1
Stratham	Wm. J. Newman	Nov. 2, 1836	13	49	62									3	3
Total 24,	21, and 1 unsettled	and 1 licentiate,	547	1348	2441	8	22	30	25	6	30	61	3	35	38

Unsettled Ministers.—Tobias H. Miller, Portsmouth; ‡Elijah W. Tucker, of S. Newmarket, dismissed Aug. 1845.
Licentiate—A. M. Payson, South Berwick, Me.

† Of Belknap Association. * From report of last year.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Inf'ts.	T.
Acworth	Ezra Jones	Candidate		*	207										
Charlestown	J. D. F. Richards	May 28, 1841	23	50	73	2		2						3	3
Claremont	R. F. Lawrence	Jan. 16, 1839	*77	140	217										
Cornish	Alvah Spaulding	Oct. 1, 1835	42	57	99			1	5	13	2	20		4	4
Croydon	Joel Davis, s. s.				80						2	2			
Dartmouth College	John Richards	April 20, 1842			266	4	9	13	12		2	14			
Enfield	Benjamin Burge	July, 1840	13	24	37		1	1						2	2
Goshen	Aaron Wait, Jr. s. s.	No report late years													
Langdon	John Wood	April 8, 1840	*13	21	34										
Lebanon	Phinehas Cooke	May 13, 1829	76	134	210		5	5	1		2	3		6	6
Lempster	Daniel Sawyer, s. s.		32	50	82		2	2	1		1	2			
" 2d Ch.				*	42										
Meriden	Amos Blanchard	Jan. 8, 1840	19	54	73	3	4	7	1		3	4	1	5	6
Newport	John Woods	Jan. 28, 1824	83	140	223		5	5	4	2	9	15		6	6
Plainfield	Jacob Scales, s. s.		10	30	40		2	2						2	2
Unity				*	12										
Washington	J. F. Griswold, s. s.														
Total 17,			388	700	1685	9	29	37	24	15	21	60	1	28	29

4 Churches not reported.

Unsettled Minister.—Isaac Barker, Unity. Rev. Jacob Haven died March 17, 1845, aged 82 years—having been settled June 19, 1788—(56 years and 9 months.)

* From last year's report.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Ma's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	T.	Adults.	Infts.	T.
Antrim, Presbyt'n	John M. Whiton	Sept. 28, 1808	60	135	195	2	4	6	2	1	8	11	1		1
Bennington, Cong.	Albert Manson	Nov. 5, 1841	23	47	70	2	7	9	4	1	2	7			
Greenfield, Evan.	D. P. Smith	May 8, 1845	47	84	131	2		2	4		1	5	1	6	7
Greenfield, 1st Con.	Bancroft Fowler	Dismis'd Ap. 22,'45	22	42	64						2	2			7
Hancock, Cong.	A. Burgess	Dec. 25, 1822	89	146	235		2	2			4	4		7	
Hillsboro',1st Cong.	Elihu T. Rowe	May 29, 1842	50	70	120	Last yrs. rep't									
" Bridge, "	Jacob Cummings	Nov. 15, 1843	25	46	71		2	2	3			3		6	6
Bedford, Presbyt'n	Thomas Savage	1826			265	2	2	4			5	5		4	4
Deering, Cong.	Wm. Richardson	Nov. 1, 1843	18	37	55	2		2						3	3
Francestown,1 Con.	Jona. McGee	Aug. 1843			425		3	3	5		7	12		13	13
Goffstown	Isaac Willey	1837	50	61	131		3	3						7	7
Lyndeboro', Cong.	Ivory Kimball	Jan. 1842	65	111	176				1		5	6		3	3
Manchester, 1st "	Cyrus W. Wallace	Jan. 1840	71	146	217	2	22	24	3		2	5		9	9
" 2d Con.	Henry M. Dexter	Nov. 6, 1844	25	39	64	2	47	49	5			5	1	3	4
New Boston	E. P. Bradford	Last year's report			280										
Peterboro',Presby'n	J. R. French	Jan. 1, 1840	80	106	186		5	5	2	2	2	6		3	3
Total 16,	15,		625	1044	2694	14	97	111	29	4	38	71	3	55	67

RECAPITULATION.

Belknap	Association,	8	Churches,	12	Ministers,	1198	Communicants,	5	diminished from last year.
Caledonia	"	4	"	6	"	278	"	2	"
Deerfield	"	9	"	8	"	1105	"	32	"
Derry	"	12	"	13	"	1690	"	35	"
Harmony	"	17	"	14	"	1258	"	12	"
Hollis	"	14	"	14	"	3241	"	31	"
Hopkinton	"	21	"	22	"	2621	"	14	"
Lancaster	"	4	"	2	"	256	"	2	"
Monadnock	"	22	"	29	"	2222	"	3	increased
Orange*	"	8	"	8	"	1000†	"	3	diminished
Piscataqua	"	24	"	20	"	2441	"	31	"
Sullivan	"	17	"	15	"	1685	"	16	"
Union	"	16	"	15	"	2694	"	40	increased
		176		178‡		21689		140	diminished.

* Not reported last year, and imperfectly reported this year.

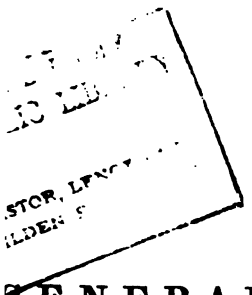
† Estimated number.

‡ This includes all ministers reported with and without charge, active and superannuated.

Plan recommended by the General Association for Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	Tract.	Education.	Home missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.
Strafford, Be. & C	April and May,	June and July,	August and Sept.	October and Nov.	Decem. and Jan.	Feb. and March,
Merrimack,	June and July,	August and Sept.	October and Nov.	Decem. and Jan.	Feb and March,	April and May,
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. and Sept.	October and Nov.	Decem. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July,
Hillsborough,	October and Nov.	Decem. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.
Cheshire & Sulli.	Decem. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.	October and Nov.
Rockingham.	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.	Aug. and Sept.	October and Nov.	Decem. and Jan.

MINUTES



OF THE

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STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., by a concio ad clerum by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the secretary, the treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and delegates from district associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every association, two from every association of seven members, three from every association of thirteen members, and four from every association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate who has not received ordination.

5. The secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the committee of overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen, by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to foreign bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a committee of overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The district associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The publishing committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the district associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the state.

20. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

The following modification of the exercises of the General Association was adopted at their meeting at Nashua, in 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and, with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meetings, public religious services under the direction of the pastor of the place be held every evening during the session; that the narratives of the state of religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers: That Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the N. H. Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the N. H. Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other objects as the Association shall direct and time will allow—and finally, that a sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE convened in the Congregationa meeting-house in Newport, on Tuesday, Aug. 25th, 1846, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. EDWARD L. PARKER, from Rom. 12: 3.

The following Delegates from District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were present:

From Belknap Association,		Rev. Messrs. Rufus Childs, Wm. Cogswell, D. D.
Caledonia	"	Rev. Isaac Esty.
Deerfield	"	
Derry	"	Rev. Edward L. Parker.
Harmony	"	Rev. Messrs. Wm. R. Jewett, Jeremiah Blake.
Hollis	"	Rev. Messrs. A. W. Burnham, J. G. Davis.
Hopkinton	"	Rev. Messrs. John LeBosquet, Howard Moody, Isaac Knight.
Lancaster	"	
Manchester	"	Rev. Messrs. Isaac Willey, Henry M. Dexter.
Orange	"	Rev. Edward Cleaveland.
Monadnock	"	Rev. Messrs. Elisha Rockwood, Jeremiah Pomeroy, Moses Gerould, Ezekiel H. Barstow.
Piscataqua	"	Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, Sereno T. Abbott, Stephen S. N. Greely, Alvan Tobey.
Sullivan	"	Rev. Messrs. Alvah Spaulding, J. DeF. Richards, John Woods.
Union	"	Rev. Messrs. Elihu T. Rowe, E. M. Kellogg, James R. French.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIIS.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, *Secretary.*
Rev. Abraham Burnham, *Treasurer.*
Rev. John Woods, *Minister of the place.*

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Robert Dunlap.
Triennial " Rev. Samuel W. Fisher.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. James D. Farnsworth, Rev. Stephen S. Smith.
General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Wm. A. Hyde, Rev. Charles Thompson.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Solon Martin.
General Conference of Maine.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, J. P. Cleaveland, D. D.
General Association of New-York.

Rev. E. L. Parker was chosen *Moderator;* Rev. Isaac Willey, *Scribe*, and Rev. Stephen S. N. Greely, *Assistant Scribe.*

The Standing Rules were read by the Secretary, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Committee of Nominations and Overtures, Rev's John Woods, Alvan Tobey, Moses Gerould.

Voted, That the hours of meeting be 8 o'clock in the morning and 1½ in the afternoon.

Heard the report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund.

Voted, That it be accepted and published with the Minutes.

Committee to take Minutes and prepare a report on the state of religion: Rev. Messrs. J. DeF. Richards, R. Dunlap, J. G. Davis, C. Thompson and E. H. Barstow.

A committee was appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of this body, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, Edward L. Parker, Amos W. Burnham, Nathaniel Bouton, Phineas Cook, John S. Winter, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Zedekiah S. Barstow, Abraham Bodwell, David Perry, J. K. Young, and Austin Richards.

A report was received from the delegates who during the past year had attended the meetings of corresponding bodies.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Rev. Abraham Burnham was reäppointed Treasurer, and Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, Auditor.

Voted, That a tax of 50 cents be assessed upon the members of the district associations.

Voted, To admit the Manchester Association to this body.

The narrative of the state of religion in the district associations, and by delegates from foreign bodies, was then given, in the course of which prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Thompson, from Connecticut, and at the close an address was made by Rev. J. P. Cleaveland, D. D., from Rhode-Island, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Smith, from Massachusetts.

Voted, To adjourn until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

AUGUST 26. Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. I. Willey.

Heard the Pastoral Letter, prepared by the committee.

Voted, That it be accepted, adopted, and published with the Minutes.

The delegates appointed to foreign bodies were as follows, viz :

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Annual.)

Rev's Samuel Delano and A. B. Warner, } Primaries.

Rev's J. DeF. Richards and E. D. Eldridge, } Substitutes.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Triennial.)

Rev's T. G. Brainard and John K. Young, } Primaries.

Rev's C. W. Wallace and A. W. Burnham, } Substitutes.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev's J. W. Perkins and J. G. Davis, } Primaries.

Rev's P. B. Day and Daniel L. French, } Substitutes.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev's S. T. Allen and Giles Lyman, } Primaries.

Rev's Joseph B. Hill and J. M. C. Bartley, } Substitutes.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev's Moses Gerould and R. W. Clark, } Primaries.

Rev's R. F. Lawrence and David Perry, } Substitutes.

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev's D. O. Morton and Benjamin Burge, } Primaries.

Rev's J. T. McCollom and Robert Crosset, } Substitutes.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island.

Rev's John Woods and C. W. Allen, } Primaries.

Rev's Horace Herrick and E. C. Cogswell, } Substitutes.

To the Congregational Union of Canada East.

Rev. C. W. Richardson, Primary.

Rev. Edward Cleaveland, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. Hiram Freeman, Primary.

Rev. E. H. Barstow, Substitute.

To the General Association of New-York.
Rev. J. M. C. Bartley, Primary.
Rev. Elisha Rockwood, Substitute.

The above report was adopted.

Rev. I. Willey and A. Burgess were appointed a committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for the next year.

A letter was read by Rev. Mr. Morton, from the Congregational Union of Scotland; and Rev. Dr. Cogswell and Rev. J. K. Young were appointed a committee to prepare a reply.

Voted, To give place to the anniversaries of the N. H. Branch of the American Education Society and the Sabbath School Union.

Voted, To adjourn till half past 1 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, To assign the hour from 11 to 12 o'clock, on Thursday forenoon, to the agents of benevolent institutions who may be present, to advocate their claims.

Appointed Rev. A. Burnham and Rev. I. Willey publishing committee.

Appointed Rev. A. Tobey preacher at the communion season for the next year, and Rev. A. Burgess substitute.

The committee to report the place for the next meeting of the General Association, and also the local association which shall provide the preacher, were Rev's E. Rockwood, Wm. Cogswell, D. D., and O. Holmes.

The committee to whom the subject was referred, reported that the place for the next meeting of this body be in the church of Rev. Mr. Young, at Meredith Bridge, and that Harmony Association provide the preacher for the opening service; which report was accepted and adopted.

Voted, To adjourn until 4 o'clock, to give place to the Annual Meeting of the New-Hampshire Bible Society.

Met according to adjournment.

The committee appointed to report on the collection of Psalms and Hymns, presented to this body by the General Association of Connecticut, presented a report, commending this compilation to the favorable notice of this Association. After some discussion, this report was accepted. The subject of Psalms and Hymns having thus been brought before the Association, it was *Voted*, That a committee of five be chosen, to consider the merits of the various Hymn Books now in use, and those which seek the patronage of the churches, with instructions to report such action thereon as in their judgment will tend to secure uniformity in public worship. Thereupon Rev's C. B. Haddock, Z. S. Barstow, D. J. Noyes, John Richards, D. D., and J. G. Davis, were appointed the committee.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Dunlap, from Pittsburg, have leave of absence, who then gave to the Association his parting salutations.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

August 27. Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the committee of overtures designate the particular

ular objects which shall claim the attention of this body between the hours of 11 and 12.

Whereupon the above committee reported that the claims of the American Society for ameliorating the Condition of the Jews, the Society in aid of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, the American Sunday School Union and the Seaman's Friend Society, be advocated by their respective agents.

Resolved, That this Association renew their approval of the Society in aid of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, as an important part of the instrumentalities for the salvation of the West and the conversion of the world:—and we therefore recommend it to pastors and churches in our connection to give it a place in their annual contributions for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.

Resolved, That this General Association cordially approve the object of the American Society for ameliorating the Condition of the Jews, and recommend it to the patronage of the churches in their connection.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. Morton and Wallace officiate at the communion season in the afternoon.

Voted, To give place to the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

The minutes of the doings of this body were then read, accepted and adopted.

Voted, To adjourn after the communion season.

E. L. Parker, *Moderator.*

Isaac Willey, *Scribe.*

Stephen S. N. Greely, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In listening to the messengers of the churches that have gathered here from all directions, we hear many things that are comforting, while we lament the existence of numerous evils, and especially the want of revivals of religion and tidings of souls converted.

The following facts seem to be distinctly apparent in nearly all the reports, viz: general prosperity in the *externals* of religion; increased attendance on public worship; harmony and peace among brethren; the ordinances of the Gospel sustained with undiminished interest; the various causes of christian benevolence receiving their usual attention; Sabbath-school and Bible-class instruction maintained with a commendable zeal; the use of the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism in families and Sabbath schools, reviving; the cause of temperance receiving regard, in a good measure, according to its importance; an increased attachment for the existence and stability of the pastoral relation; enthusiasm and fanaticism disappearing, and a consequent love of order and sound doctrine; a growing

interest in the public mind for the better observance of the Sabbath; a few faithful, praying ones, scattered in all the borders of our Zion, who weep over sinners, and mourn for the worldliness of the people.

And here we find much for which we ought to be encouraged. But the great fact, on which the minds of all seem to fasten and dwell with sad and painful interest, is the withholding, to an unusual degree, of the special influences of the Spirit of God, and the consequent fewness of genuine conversions. Nothing like a genuine revival, such as, in the infinite goodness of God, we have been permitted richly to enjoy in times that are gone by, has been witnessed the past year.

Yet we have not been *utterly* forsaken by these heavenly influences. Some few drops of mercy have fallen upon limited portions of our Zion, showing us that the fountains of God's converting grace are not yet exhausted. Winchester, Nelson and Plymouth, are mentioned as having thus been visited by the Holy Spirit; and it is an interesting fact, that, in the latter place, the blessing was received while the church were engaged in the exercises of fasting and prayer, on the day appointed by this Association last year, in consideration of our spiritual wants.

It is an affecting truth, and one that should deeply humble us, and lead us to call earnestly upon God, that our churches are diminishing in the number of their members, and have been for several of the past years;—that our additions will not fill the vacancies which death and other causes occasion among us.

Yet while we feel ourselves afflicted and mourn, let us not be overwhelmed, or yield to hopeless discouragement. The Lord's arm is not shortened that he *cannot* save. The resources of infinite wisdom and mercy are not yet expended. Our Lord is still a prayer-hearing God. His *promises* yet are sure. When we shall return unto him, he will doubtless return unto us.

Never were our congregations more numerous, or larger in numbers; never did we enjoy a state of more general outward prosperity; never did order and harmony exist to a greater degree in our churches; never, perhaps, were the great doctrines of grace more firmly embraced by our ministers, or more faithfully presented, or better relished in our congregations, than at the present time. But, for reasons to us perhaps not clearly seen, though wise, undoubtedly, the refreshings of the Spirit are not given. Yet we are not to conclude that no good is accomplished, or that the great interests of Christ's kingdom are not really advancing. The present is evidently not a time of ingathering. But may we not reasonably hope that there is a rich and abundant harvest in preparation for us? We must not forget that, as in the natural, so in the spiritual world, there is a time to sow and a time to cultivate, as well a time to reap.

We have been in fault, undoubtedly, and God is dealing with us by way of correction. We have trusted too much to human instrumentalities; we have not *practically* entertained just views of God's sovereignty and of our entire dependence on the efficiency of his spirit. We have too much indulged a spirit of worldliness. We

have vainly attempted to unite the service of mammon with the service of God. And when we have learned the lessons that infinite wisdom would teach us; when we are properly subdued and humbled under the strokes of the divine displeasure, then we may rationally expect that God will change the order of his dispensations, and open the windows of heaven, and pour out blessings upon us so rich and copious that there may not be room enough to contain them.

The several religious bodies in correspondance with us in the other states of New England report their spiritual condition as being very similar, in most respects, to that of our own. While the institutions of the gospel and the great objects of christian labor and benevolence are sustained with a commendable degree of interest and zeal, there are very few revivals, and small additions to the churches. There are, however, some cheering exceptions. Among these are Amherst College and Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, in Massachusetts, where have been enjoyed the precious influences of God's spirit, resulting in the probable conversion of a considerable number of the students in both institutions.

Connecticut also reports several revivals of more than ordinary interest and power, and Yale College is specified as having largely shared in these blessings.

Both of the Presbyterian Assemblies represent their churches as being in a highly prosperous state. Each has experienced extensive and powerful revivals, especially at the south and west, and they have received large accessions to their numbers, both by profession and by recommendation. And, what is worthy of particular mention, increased attention is given to the spiritual instruction and welfare of the colored population within their limits. In all this we rejoice and sympathize with them, and may the same blessed influences quickly visit us, with an increased measure of grace and power.

For the Committee, J. DeForest Richards.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Christian Brethren: In connection with our customary salutations, we beg leave to present to your consideration some thoughts respecting the station you occupy as christians, and the duties which that station involves.

Our Saviour, in describing the station of his disciples, says, "Ye are the salt of the earth—ye are the light of the world." These two images vividly illustrate the same truth. Let us then inquire what is expected of each member of the church as a part of the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The christian is not only like light, but also like an object placed in such a position that either by its own or by reflected light it must be seen. "A city set on a hill cannot be hid." He is not only expected to possess, but to manifest a peculiar character. He is not only to be preserved, but to be

a preserver; not only to be enlightened, but to enlighten others. His good works are to be so manifested that others shall see them, and glorify his Father in Heaven.

Every christian, then, in the first place, *should be active in the removal of evil.* This world may be looked upon as morally dark and corrupt. Sin has tainted all the streams of thought, all the fountains of feeling, all the sources of influence. This moral disease is universal, and manifests itself in various forms of evil, and crime, and error. Time would fail to specify all the forms of evil, such as war, and oppression, and avarice, and profaneness, and Sabbath breaking, and intemperance, and error in all its shades and modifications. Now it is the duty of every christian to do all in his power to remove these evils. He is to breast this torrent of iniquity; to hold no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. In doing this, however, regard should be had to his circumstances, talents, acquirements and means of influence. He is to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world in the sphere in which he moves. Nor should he, by seeking too wide a field, or, by attempting too much, so weaken his influence that it shall be unfelt any where. His energies should be concentrated; nor must he suppose that because he cannot remove evils in the mass, that it is of no use to attempt it in individual cases, nor in a limited sphere. God has purposely scattered his people among their fellow men, that each individual may be a centre of purity and light in the circle in which he moves. Hence every one should not only give his aid to the general cause of reformation, but each is to be a reformer in a limited district and on a given field. This principle is distinctly recognized by the apostle. "Brethren," says he, "if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know that he that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways, shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins." While, therefore, the christian associates with others in every good cause, he must remember that there is a sphere for his individual exertions which claims his constant attention. Hence, he is to labor first of all to remove all evils from his own family, neighborhood and town. Then his regards are to extend to his country and the world. He is to begin with individuals, and then, as he has opportunity, extend his desires and efforts till they embrace all mankind. But he is especially to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world in his own family, his own church, and his own neighborhood. There is to be the scene of his daily, his constant, his strenuous exertions. Here, "if the salt loses its savor, wherewith shall it be salted?" here, "if the light becomes darkness, how great is that darkness." The world will never be converted till all christians, in all their little circles of influence, become centres of purity and light. We cannot, by our donations and efforts in behalf of distant objects of benevolence, purchase an indulgence for sloth, and covetousness, and pride, and luxury at home. If we are christians at all, we shall be christians at home, and there the purifying effect of our influence will be most seen and felt. There we shall be living epistles of Christ, known and read of all men.

The christian should be active, in the second place, in the promotion of every thing that tends to elevate and enlighten mankind. Only one part of the christian's work is done when certain evils are removed. It is indispensable that the sinner should be converted. For unless born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. But in order that the young convert may be qualified for his new sphere of action, he is to be instructed, watched over, prayed for, counselled and admonished. Means are to be used that he may grow in grace and in the knowledge of divine truth. Hence every christian should cheerfully lend his aid in support of all those institutions and in the use of all those means by which the church is edified, and the graces of individuals fostered, and intellectual and moral improvement promoted. We need salt, not only to preserve, but also to season our food and render it palatable. We need light, not only to dispel darkness and secure from danger, but also to foster vegetation and clothe every object with beauty and loveliness. Hence, that religion is spurious which does not elevate as well as purify; which does not strengthen the mind, enlarge the sphere of thought, refine the feelings, and adorn the character with the graces of the Spirit. True religion sweetens all social and domestic joys. It renders the family an abode of peace and order, of mutual respect and mutual love; so that it becomes the school in which individuals are trained up for virtue and usefulness. It throws over the neighborhood an air of quiet, cheerful, contented industry, and renders social intercourse improving and delightful. It is the liberal patron of every good institution by which society is elevated and purified. It stands by the Bible, the church, the ministry, the Sabbath, the school and the law, and is the friend of every thing lovely and of good report. It is on this account that every family, and neighborhood, and town, where christian influence preponderates, is so immeasurably elevated in mind and morals above those where it is wanting. Remove christian influence from the world, and it would be like abstracting the salt from the ocean, or blotting out the sun in heaven.

The christian should, in the third place, be active in the preservation of every thing good and useful. The christian should be active not only in the removal of evil and in the promotion of all good causes, but he should be active also in preserving all that is valuable in the institutions of religion, and in the laws and customs of society. He is not a lover of innovation for its own sake. He is not fond of change from a restless, unstable disposition. He is not driven about by every wind of doctrine, nor ready to indorse every wild theory which may be broached, nor to adopt every new measure which may be proposed. He tries every thing by the standard of God's word, and if it will not bear that test, he rejects it without hesitation. He knows that rapidity of motion is not always progress, for motion may be in a circle as well as backward. Nor does a stationary position imply rest, for one may be as active in keeping a fortress as in winning it—in improving an estate as in acquiring it. It is a good work to send the Bible to the destitute, but it may be equally good to defend it against the assaults of enemies at home. It may be some

men's duty to go as foreign missionaries, but it is just as much the duty of others to preach the gospel in their country. New churches ought to be planted, but old ones must not be deserted. The church ought to be active in bringing sinners to repentance, and in increasing its members; but it ought to be equally active in enforcing discipline, and in cutting off unworthy members. Christians should assist in reforming general abuses, but they should resist, with unshaken firmness, the schemes of those, who, under pretence of reformation, would subvert the foundations of christianity and destroy all civil and religious institutions. While, therefore, they should open the door for the admission of every thing which will promote religion, they must guard the entrance lest a host of errors in doctrine and practice creep in at the same time. They should sow broadcast the good seed of the kingdom, but they must watch also lest the enemy sow tares among the wheat. We are to suffer as well as labor for Christ. We are to resist friends who "ought to be blamed," as well as pursue enemies who are to be subdued. We are to be ready to be bound, and even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus, as well as to toil and labor in his behalf. Our light is to shine in adversity as well as in prosperity; in suffering as well as doing; in dying as well as living. We are at all times, in all circumstances, and on all occasions, to let our light so shine that others may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven.

Thus it will be seen, that if religious principle exists at all, it will be manifested; and that where there is no manifestation of it, it has no existence. If we cast a grain of wheat into the earth and it does not vegetate, we say it had no vital principle. By analogy, the scriptural test of religious principle is, "by their fruits ye shall know them."

But though the christian profession is a station of great responsibility, it is yet one of high honor and exalted privileges. What can be more glorious than a rightly adorned christian profession! The consistent christian is as a light in the midst of surrounding darkness, or as salt in the midst of universal corruption and decay. He does good directly and indirectly. The world is not only less vicious and miserable, but positively better and happier by his influence. Wherever he lives and moves, he is surrounded by a circle of light and purity. This circle grows wider and brighter and purer as he increases in knowledge and holiness. It blends sweetly with the light of other christians, and chases away the clouds of error and superstition from families, and neighborhoods, and countries. It purifies the fountains of thought and feeling, thus cleansing society of its pollutions and its crimes. Nor will it ever be extinguished. It will grow brighter and purer while on earth. Its sweet and gentle radiance will gild every scene of life, "and make even the gloomy vale of death a smile of glory wear." Brethren, "this is the heritage of all the people of God," "this honor hath all the saints." "Be ye, therefore, steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," "inasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

AMOS BLANCHARD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ew-Hampshire General Association

In account with A. BURNHAM, *Treasurer.*

R.	To paid Charles W. Brewster's bill for printing Minutes for 1845,	$50.00
	To paid Rev. Mr. Barstow's bill for the printing of blank returns, freight, postage, &c.,	6.25
	To paid postage,	.20
		$56.45
	To balance on last year's account,	.44
		$56.89
	Receipts deducted,	49.50
	Balance due Treasurer,	7.39

R.	By from Belknap Association,		$3.00		
	" " Caledonia	"	1.00		
	" " Derry	"			
	" " Deerfield	"	3.00		
	" " Harmony	"	3.50		
	" " Hopkinton	"	6.00		
	" " Hollis	"	6.50		
	" " Monadnock	"	9.00		
	" " Orange	"			
	" " Piscataqua	"	9.00		
	" " Sullivan	"	5.00		
	" " Union	"	5.00		$49.50

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Rev. A. urnham, treasurer of the General Association, and find it correctly cast and ll vouched.

N. BOUTON, Auditor.

Concord, Aug. 24, 1846.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND

mit the following report to the General Association of New-Hampshire, Newport, August 25, 1846 :

Our annual meeting was held at the house of the President, Rev. N. Bouton, ecord, June 3, 1846, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The following officers were elected, viz. :

Rev. N. Bouton, *President.*

Rev. A. Burnham, *Secretary.*

Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Treasurer.*

Rev. N. Bouton and Hon. S. Morril, *Auditors.*

Rev. N. Bouton, Rev. A. Burnham and Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Executive mmittee.*

Elected Rev. A. P. Tenney trustee, instead of Rev. E. P. Bradford, deceased.

Admitted to our list of beneficiaries, by recommendation of Rev. Mr. Barstow, of Keene, Mrs. John Thompson, of Winchester.

Then heard and adopted the Treasurer's Report.

Adjourned *sine die.*

Attest :

A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

After the adjournment, the Executive Committee held their annual mee
and appropriated—

To Mrs.	M. Pillsbury,	- - - -	$20.00
" "	B. Hull,	- - - - -	20.00
" "	M. Dow,	- - - - -	20.00
" "	J. Clary,	- - - - -	20.00
" "	S. Nichols,	- - - - -	20.00
" "	J. Thompson,	- - - -	20.00
	Amounting to		$120.00

Attest: A. BURNHAM, *Secreta*

N. B. At this meeting at Newport, received of the Piscataqua Associ
for the Widows' Charitable Fund, by the hand of Rev. Mr. Newman, $8.
A. BURNH

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Total.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Dis.	Ex'd.	Died.	T	Adults	Inf.	To.
Alton,															
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	103	159	262		1	1	3	9	3	15		1	1
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	16	34	50		1	1							
1st chh. Gilmanton,	Horace Wood,	stated supply.			*75										
Centre chh. do.	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1835.	75	105	180	2	7	9	5			5		5	5
Gilmanton Iron W'ks,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	46	84	130		1	1			1	1		1	1
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	60	139	199	4	3	7	5		4	9	2	1	3
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	29	54	83		3	3				2		1	1
Sandbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	60	116	176						2	2		1	1
Total, 9	8		389	691	1155	6	16	22	13	9	10	34	2	10	12

* Last year's report.

Unsettled Ministers.—Joseph Lane, Charles Tenney, William Cogswell, D. D., Benjamin G. Willey.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Bethlehem,	Isaac Esty,	Stated supply.	10	17	27	00	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Franconia,	"	"	6	18	24	00	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	36	85	121	4	1	5	1	3	2	6	2	7	9
4	2		52	120	172	4	1	5	3	3	4	10	2	7	9

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. Drury Fairbank, Littleton, and Rev. David Sutherland, Bath.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.													
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	94	148	242	1		1	1		6	7		3	3
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.													
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Stated supply.													
Derry, Presbt. church,	Edward L. Parker,	Sept. 12, 1810.			243		5	5		2	8	10		17	17
Derry, Cong'l church,	P. B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837.	48	105	153		4	4	1			1		5	5
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1836.													
Pelham,	Cyrus W. Allen,	Feb. 1, 1843.	32	68	100		1	1	2		6	8		3	3
Windham,	Loren Thayer,	——— 1845.	65	90	155	5	1	6	3		3	6	1	5	6
Salem,	W. K. Hayward,	Stated supply.	11	32	43						2	2		2	2
10	10		250	443	936	6	11	17	7	2	25	34	1	35	36

Unsettled Minister.—Rev. Mr. Kelly.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Conway,	G. W. Ash,	Stated supply.	23	64	87				2		1	3		2	2
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	20	45	65		1	1	2	2	4	8		3	3
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,	Feb., 1828.			80										
Ossipee,	John S. Winter,	Nov. 8, 1837.			91						2	2			
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	44	98	142	5	5	10	2		4	6	1	7	8
Sandwich, 1st church,	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1842.	28	57	85						1	1		2	2
" 2d "	" " ¼ time.		9	14	23										
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,	June 14, 1843.	81	149	230		1	1	1	1	3	5			
Tuftonborough,	John S. Winter, ¼ time.	Stated supply.	14	21	35										
Wakefield,	Nath'l Barker,	"	18	35	53				4		2	6		2	2
Wolf'boro', 1st church,	Jeffries Hall,	"	20	48	68										
" 2d "	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843.	27	40	67						1				
Effingham,	Vacant.		13	30	43				2		1	2			
Hebron,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	5	16	21						2	2			
Groton,	" "	"	17	16	33										
Danbury,	Daniel Pulcifer,	——— 1844.	28	33	59										
Thornton,	William P. Gale,	Jan. 1, 1845.	13	24	37		1	1	1		3	4		1	1
17	14		360	690	1219	5	8	13	14	3	24	39	1	17	18

Unsettled Minister.—**Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.**

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Dis'd.	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. G. Davis,	May 22, 1844.	88	208	296	2	6	8	5		2	7	1	7	8
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1838.	27	55	82					2	1	3			
Hollis,	James Aiken,	Aug. 30, 1843.			226	1	11	12	1	1	4	6		12	12
Mason,	E. Hill, / J. B. Hill,	Nov. 3, 1790. / Oct. 20, 1841.	96	149	241		1	1	6	3		9		3	3
Merrimack, 1st chh.,	S. T. Allen,	May 22, 1839.	32	73	105	1	2	3	1		2	3		5	5
Ev. chh. S. Merrimack,	J. W. Shepard,	May 7, 1844.	10	35	45		4	4		1		1		4	4
Milford,	A. B. Warner,	Feb. 7, 1839.	99	166	265		4	4	1	1	4	6			
Mont Vernon,	B. Smith,	Aug. 19, 1841.	54	124	178	1		1	1	2	1	4		3	3
Nashua, Olive st. chh.,	A. Richards,	April 6, 1836.			510	15		15							
New-Ipswich,	S. Lee,	May 5, 1836.	132	257	389	1	5	6	7	3	3	13		5	5
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	82	152	234		2	2	6	1	8	15		3	3
Temple,	W. Follett,	July 25, 1844.			120		3	3	3		1	4			
Wilton,	Charles Whiting,	Jan. 4, 1843.	48	72	120				1		2	3			
Total, 13	14		658	1291	2810	21	38	59	32	14	28	74	1	42	43

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. Humphrey Moore, Milford; Rev. Leonard Jewett, Hollis; Mr. Smith, of Hollis.

In this Association, the pastors are tenderly united in christian affection and confidence; sympathize, and, as far as practicable, coöperate with each other in all that concerns the welfare of Zion. The churches are all supplied with pastors, enjoy as high a degree of peace and harmony, give as good attendance on the worship and ordinances of God, as well sustain the Sabbath school, the cause of temperance, and other benevolent enterprises, according to their ability, as their sister churches through the state.

But the above statistics will show those churches have not been blessed, as in other years, "with times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot.	Adlt.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.	6	14	20				4			4		1	1
Boscawen, 1st,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.			*275										
Boscawen, 2d,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	63	99	162	2		2	1			1	2	1	3
Bradford,					*119										
Bristol,	Daniel O. Moreton,	June 8, 1842.	30	58	88						2	2			
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	57	100	157				1	3	4	8	2	1	3
Concord, 1st,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	68	193	261		4	4			4	4		5	5
Concord, West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April, 1833.	73	157	230		3	3			4	4		8	8
Concord, South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1837.			*200										
Concord, East,					*115										
Franklin,	Isaac Knight,	Sept. 27, 1837.	24	72	96	3	3	6	2	1	3	6	2	5	7
Henniker,	Eden B. Foster,	Oct. 12, 1841.													
Hill,	John LeBosquet,	April 27, 1843.	14	46	60						1	1			
Hooksett,	James W. Perkins,	Stated supply.	5	9	14										
Hopkinton, 1st,					*272										
Hopkinton, 2d,															
Loudon Village,															
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808.	35	114	149				4		6	10		4	4
Salisbury,					*80										
Sanbornton Bridge and Northfield,	Corban Curtice,	—— 1843.			146						2	2		2	2
Warner,	R. W. Fuller,	June 10, 1846.	47	54	101				1	1	5	7	1	2	3
Wilmot,	Nathan Howard,		9	14	23										
Total, 22.	16—7 unsettled.		431	930	2568	5	10	15	13	5	31	49	7	29	36

Unsettled Ministers.—Ebenezer Price, West Boscawen; William Patrick, Canterbury; Benjamin P. Stone, Concord; Moses Kimball, Hopkinton—still supplying; Stephen Rogers, Bradford; Hiram Freeman; David Kimball; Henry Wood.

*By last year's report.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot	Adit.	Inf.	Tot.
Lyme,	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831.	153	273	426				5		4	9			
Canaan,			13	29	42				1		2	3			
Orford, West,	Daniel Campbell,	May, 1833.	24	75	99						1	1		5	5
Orford, East,	A. B. Foster,	June 26, 1844.	23	61	84				4		3	7			
Piermont,	Increase S. Davis,	S. s. pr. ½ time.	42	83	125				2		3	5		2	2
Wentworth,	" "	" "	15	31	46						3	3			
Haverhill,	Samuel Delano,	Feb. 16, 1842.	21	87	108	1	7	8	3	2	1	6		3	3
Bath,	Edward Cleveland,	July 31, 1844.	33	64	97	2	1	3	3		4	7	1	1	2
8	6		324	703	1027	3	8	11	18	2	21	41	1	11	12

Unsettled Ministers.—Nathan Lord, D. D., and J. M. Ellis.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Excl.	Died.	Tot.	Adit.	Inf.	Tot.
Bedford, Presbt.,	Thomas Savage,	—— 1826.			245	1	2	3	3		4	7		4	4
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	42	106	148		2	2	2		1	3			
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	—— 1837.	45	70	115		3	3	3		1	4		1	1
Hudson,	William Page,	Aug. 14, 1844.			82	1	4	5							
Litchfield, Presbt.,	Wm. H. Porter,	Oct. 29, 1845.	9	11	20		1	1	1		1	2		7	7
Londonderry, Presbt.,	T. G. Brainard,	Nov. 5, 1840.	78	162	240		3	3			4	4		8	8
Manchester, 1st church,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan., 1840.	73	143	216		19	19	9		1	10		6	6
Manchester, 2d "	Henry M. Dexter,	Nov. 6, 1844.	31	54	85	5	20	25	1		1	2	3		3
Nashua, 1st church,	Samuel Lamson,		[Not reported this year.]												

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Dis'd.	Tot	Adults.	Inf'ts.	Tot
Alstead,	Robert Crossett	May 3, 1843	26	66	92	1		1	4	1	1	6	1	2	3
New-Alstead,	A. C. Page	Oct. 23, 1844			126					1	6	7			
Paper Mill Village,	—— Lawrence, s. s.		17	25	42						2	2			
Chesterfield,	Benjamin E. Hale	Aug. 31, 1842	20	68	88		4	4	2		6	8			
Dublin,	Henry A. Kendall		12	36	48	1		1	1		1	2	1	3	4
Fitzwilliam,	Horace Herrick	Sept. 4, 1844	72	138	210	7		7	1		4	5		3	3
Gilsum,	James Tisdale, s. s.				*34										
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould		57	68	125	3	7	10			1	1	3	2	5
	Laban Ainsworth														
Jaffrey,	Leonard Tenney	March 19, 1845			150			5	5	1	3	9		5	5
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow	July 1, 1818	71	236	307	1	8	9	7		5	12	1	16	17
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman, s. s.		29	67	96	1	2	3	1		1	2		1	1
Nelson,	Daniel S. French	Nov. 4, 1841			118	10		10	1		6	7	6	2	8
Harrisville,	Jere. Pomeroy, s. s.		25	41	66	1	4	5			2	2			
Roxbury,	Ezra Adams, s. s.		14	26	40						1	1		4	4
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson	Jan. 5, 1803			68		5	5						4	4
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton	Feb. 4, 1846	30	58	88		4	4	2		2	4		1	1
Surry,	J. P. Perry, s. s.		4	16	20						1	1			
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood	Oct. 16, 1836	21	59	80		2	2	3		2	5		1	1
Troy,	Luther Townsend	March 5, 1845	25	54	79				2	4		6		1	1
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow	Aug. 6, 1845			114	2	4	6			1	1		4	4
Westmoreland,			39	114	*153										
Winchester, 22	21		61	179	230	21	5	26	3		7	10			
			523	1251	2383	48	45	96	32	7	52	91	12	49	61

Rev. J. Sabin, Fitzwilliam; Otis C. Whiton, Harrisville; and John Thompson, Winchester, finished their labors the last year.

* Taken from last year's report.

Unsettled Ministers.—Gad Newell, Josiah Peabody, J. D. Crosby, Elihu Smith.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Di'd.	Tot.	Adlt.	In.	Tot.
Barrington	Theodore Wells	June 11, 1845	19	34	53	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Brentwood	James Boutwell	Nov. 4, 1841	26	53	79	2	2	4	0	1	1	2	0	9	9
Dover 1st church	Homer Barrows	July 9, 1845	83	289	372	0	5	5	4	3	5	12	0	1	1
Durham	Alvan Tobey	Nov. 20, 1833	13	59	72	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Epping	Enoch Corser	Stated supply	8	27	35	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Exeter 1st church	Roswell D. Hitchcock	Nov. 19, 1845	50	90	140	1	0	1	2	0	3	5	1	3	4
" 2d "	Isaac Hurd	Sept. 11, 1817	17	65	82	0	1	1	1	0	3	4	0	0	0
Farmington	John L. Seymour	Supply indefinite	10	13	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenland	Samuel W. Clark	Aug. 5, 1829	9	30	39	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
Hampton	Erasmus D. Eldredge	April 4, 1838	73	130	203	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1
Kingston	Samuel Mason, s. s.	Labors closed	20	51	71	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0
Milton	Edward F. Abbott	Set'ed Aug. 1846*	29	63	92	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	0	0	0
New-Castle	Lucius Alden	Acting pastor	9	23	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newington	Without a pastor near	forty years	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New-Market } Lamprey River }	Stephen S. N. Greely	Dec. 15, 1842	35	63	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North-Hampton	Jonathan French	Nov. 18, 1801	77	98	175	1	1	2	0	1	2	3	0	4	4
Portsmouth N. chh.	Rufus W. Clark	Nov. 16, 1842			344	3	5	8	2	0	2	4	1	8	9
Rochester	John E. Farwell	Aug. 16, 1843	22	80	102	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0
Rye	James F. McEwen		35	75	110	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	2	2
Seabrook and } Hampton Falls }	Sereno T. Abbott	July 12, 1837	29	56	85	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
Somersworth, G. Falls	James T. McCollom*	Oct. 2, 1844	34	89	123	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
" Salmon "	Church organized	May 1, 1846			15	0	0	15		0	0	0	0	0	0
South New-Market	Preston Pond*	Stated supply	11	18	29	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	2
Stratham	Wm. J. Newman	Nov. 2, 1836	12	49	61	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Total, 24	22		622	1362	2541	8	20	43	16	6	36	48	3	33	36

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Unsettled Ministers.—Jonathan Ward, Tobias H. Miller, Portsmouth. Licentiate, A. M. Payson.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Ad.	In.	Tot.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	65	95	160	1	3	4	3	0	5	8	1	4	5
Charlestown,	J. DeF. Richards,	May 28, 1841.	22	48	70	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	77	145	222	3	12	15	2	1	3	12	2	5	7
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	38	55	93	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Croydon,	Aaron Wait, Jr.,	Stated supply.	34	56	90	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 20, 1842.	93	159	252	2	7	9	5	0	2	7	1	3	4
Enfield,	Benjamin Burge,	July, 1840.	11	15	26	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hanover, East,	David Kimball,	Stated supply.			135										
Goshen,	Carey Russell,	Stated supply.	20	32	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Langdon,	John Wood,	April 8, 1840.	11	15	26	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lebanon,	Phineas Cooke,	May 13, 1829.	73	133	206	0	3	3	0	1	1	2	0	2	2
Lempster, 1st church,	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	34	53	87	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lempster, 2d church,					*42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	17	45	62	1	0	1	2	0	2	4	0	3	3
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 28, 1824.	82	133	215	0	2	2	4	0	6	10	0	0	5
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	10	31	41	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Unity,					*12										
Washington,	J. F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	8	27	35	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
13	16		595	1042	1826	7	35	42	26	2	23	53	4	21	30

Licentiates.—A. Wood and Cyrus Richards, Meriden.

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UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Antrim, Presbyterian,	John M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.	57	133	190	1	4	5	1	1	15	17			
Bennington, Cong.,	Albert Manson,	Nov. 3, 1841.	23	48	71	1		1						2	2
Greenfield, Evangelical,	D. P. Smith,	May 8, 1845.	47	83	130				1		1	2		2	2
Greenfield, 1st Cong.															
Hancock, Cong.,	Archibald Burgess,	Dec. 25, 1822.	82	141	223		3	3	4		6	10		2	2
Hillsborough, 1st Cong.,	Elihu T. Rowe,	May 29, 1845.	34	61	95	3		3					2	5	7
Hillsboro' Bridge, Cong.,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	22	45	67		1	1		2	2	4		2	2
Deering, Cong.,	Wm. Richardson,	Nov. 1, 1843.	18	37	*55										
Francestown, 1st Cong.,	Jona. McGee,		135	240	375				12	2	5	19		7	7
Lyndeborough, Cong.,	Ivory Kimball,	Dismissed.	65	111	*176										
New Boston, Presbt.,	Erastus M. Kellogg,	June 26, 1846.	60	127	187	1	4	5	4	2	4	10		10	10
Peterborough, Presbt.,	J. R. French,	—— 1840.			176	1	2	3	3		3	6	1	7	8
12	11		543	1026	1745	7	14	21	25	7	36	68	3	37	40

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DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.*

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.
Pittsfield,	J. Curtis,	October, 1834.	66	124	190	2		2	2	2	1	5		2	2
Chichester,	Willey, stated supply.		61	97	158				1		8	9			
Deerfield,	E. N. Hidden,	September 1, 1841.			130	2		2	2		6	8		3	3
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	40	108	148										
Epsom,			46	89	135				4	1	5	10		2	2
Loudon,	Ezekiel Dow,	February 12, 1845.			85			3			2	2			
Northwood,	E. C. Cogswell,	November 3, 1842.	47	64	111	3		3	4	2	1	7		1	1
Nottingham,	Destitute.														
Raymond,	John C. Page,	October 7, 1841.			148				3			3		2	2
Total, 9			260	482	1105	7		10	16	5	23	44		10	10

Unsettled Minister.—Rev. M. Fifield.

One chh. not reported.

* Report of last year.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.*

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.
Colebrook,	C. W. Richardson.		97	79	106				2			2		5	5
Lancaster,	David Perry,	June 7, 1842.	14	62	76		4	4	2	2		4		6	6
Dalton,			20	28	48										
Whitefield,			10	16	26										
Total, 4	2		71	185	256		4	4	4	2		6		11	11

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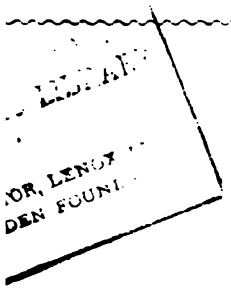
It appears that thirty-two unsettled ministers are reported in the several associations. Of this number thirteen are known to have retired from the active duties of the ministry, in most cases from advanced age; five are teachers in seminaries of learning; four are agents of benevolent institutions, and one an editor. Of the remaining nine, two are advanced in years, and one has gone to the west.

Plan recommended by the General Association for Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	Tract.	Education.	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.
Strafford, Be. & C.	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.
Merrimack,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.
Cheshire & Sulli.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March,	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. and March.	April and May,	June and July,	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.



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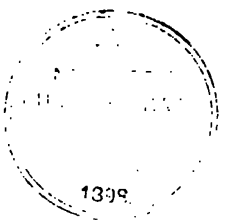

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STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., by a concio ad clerum by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the secretary, the treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and delegates from district associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every association, two from every association of seven members, three from every association of thirteen members, and four from every association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate who has not received ordination.

5. The secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the Committee of Overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen, by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a Committee of Overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session the minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to Corresponding Bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the Secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The district associations shall annually present the schedules of their Churches, Ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their Churches, &c.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The Publishing Committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the District Associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the Eastern and Western sections of the State.

20. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

The following modification of the exercises of the General Association was adopted at their meeting at Nashua, in 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and, with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meetings, public religious services under the direction of the pastor of the place be held every evening during the session; that the narratives of the state of religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers: That Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the New Hampshire Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the New Hampshire Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other objects as the Association shall direct and time will allow; and finally, that a Sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the Communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire convened in the Congregational Meeting-House at Meredith Bridge, on Tuesday, August 24, 1847, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Nathaniel Barker, from 1 Cor. 9 : 16.

The following Delegates from District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were present:

Associations.	Delegates.
Belknap,	Rev. Messrs. Daniel Lancaster and Giles Leach.
Caledonia,	Rev. E. I. Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Rev. Messrs. Moses H. Wells and E. N. Hidden.
Derry,	Rev. Messrs. Loren Thayer and William Murdock.
Harmony,	Rev. Messrs. Jeremiah Blake and John S. Winter.
Hollis,	Rev. Messrs. James Aiken, Daniel Goodwin and J. B. Hill.
Hopkinton,	Rev. Messrs. Nathaniel Bouton, Asa P. Tenney and Caleb B. Tracy.
Lancaster,	
Manchester,	Rev. Messrs. C. W. Wallace and J. L. Seymour.
Monadnock,	Rev. Messrs. J. Pomeroy, J. Tisdale, E. H. Barstow and L. Townsend.
Orange,	
Piscataqua,	Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, Sereno T. Abbott and Homer Barrows.
Sullivan,	Rev. Messrs. Phinehas Cooke, David Kimball and Edwin S. Wright.
Union,	Rev. Messrs. Archibald Burgess and Jacob Cummings.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIIS.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, *Secretary.*
Rev. Abraham Burnham, *Treasurer.*
Rev. J. K. Young, *Minister of the place.*

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Annual,) Rev. Robert Steel, D. D.
do do do (Triennial,) none.

General Association of Massachusetts, none.
General Association of Connecticut, Rev. E. Lyman.
General Convention of Vermont, none.
General Conference of Maine, Rev. Carlton Hurd.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Samuel Beane.
General Association of New York, none.
General Association of Michigan, Rev. Henry L. Hammond.

Rev. Jonathan French was chosen *Moderator;* Rev. Edwin S. Wright, *Scribe,* and Rev. Giles Leach, *Assistant Scribe.*

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Standing Rules were read by the Secretary. Adjourned, to meet at half past 1 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Messrs. Nathaniel Bouton, Phinehas Cooke and Jacob Cummings, were appointed a Committee of nomination and overtures.

A friendly Letter from the Congregational Association of Iowa was received, and referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. A. Burgess and C. B. Tracy.

A committee was appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of this body, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, Edward L. Parker, Amos W. Burnham, Nathaniel Bouton, Phinehas Cooke, John S. Winter, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Zedekiah S. Barstow, Abraham Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young and Austin Richards.

Rev. Messrs. D. Lancaster, Homer Barrows, C. W. Wallace, E. Lyman, and Samuel Beane were appointed a committee to take minutes and prepare a report on the state of religion.

Rev. Messrs. C. W. Wallace and A. P. Tenney were appointed a committee to report the place for the next meeting of the General Association, and also the local Association which shall furnish the Preacher.

The committee to whom the subject was referred, reported that the place for the next meeting of this body be Manchester, and that the Hopkinton Association furnish the Preacher.

The narratives of the state of religion in the District Associations, and by Delegates from Foreign Bodies was then given; in the course of which addresses were made and prayers offered by Rev. Messrs. Joseph Lane, N. Bouton and P. Cooke.

At the close of the narratives from Foreign Bodies, an address was made by Rev. Mr. Spaulding, Secretary of the American Seamen's Friend Society.

After prayer by Rev. Z. S. Barstow, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25. Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Alvan Tobey.

A memorial was received from the Piscataqua Association, and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. P. Cooke, A. Burnham and J. K. Young.

The committee appointed by the last General Association to "consider the merits of the various Hymn Books now in use, and those which seek the patronage of the Churches," made their report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed, at the meeting of the General Association in August, 1846, "to consider the merits of the various Hymn Books now in use, and those which seek the patronage of the Churches, with instructions to report such action thereon as in their judgment will tend to secure uniformity in public worship," have had that subject under consideration, and are of opinion, that an attempt on the part of the Association, at this time, to introduce a new Book, or to make any general change in the Books used in this State, in the conduct of public worship, would be likely to diminish instead of increasing the uniformity now existing in the practice of our churches.

If a change were thought important, the Committee would have little hesitation, upon the whole, in recommending the collection of Psalms and Hymns, presented to this body by the General Association of Connecticut. In this judgment, however, we would not be understood as implying any censure of other works of the kind in use in other parts of the country, as well as in New Hampshire. Some of these works are entitled to great respect in point of poetical merit, variety and adaptation to musical effect, and all together indicate an increased attention to the claims of the church upon the genius and taste of its members, which cannot but result in essential improvements in this delightful part of christian worship.

The Committee have gone less into the comparative merits of the different Hymn Books, which offered themselves for their examination, because it soon appeared, in the course of their inquiries, to be more than questionable whether any immediate action of the Association were required upon the subject.

In our opinion no change should be attempted without important reasons. To a certain degree the familiarity of our sacred Hymns is an advantage; just sentiments and christian feelings do not always lose their interest by repetition; it is often grateful to the pious mind to be able to anticipate the train of thought to be followed in its devotions; something is lost, in the natural flow of accustomed praise, by the introduction of novelties of expression even. Indeed, it must have occurred to us all, that one of the dangers of our free congregational worship, to be guarded against with care, while we enjoy our liberties to the full, is that of forgetting, in our regard for intellectual entertainment, that, after all, the great purpose of public worship is for every member of the assembly to repeat, with a personal appropriation and heartiness, the simple, common, vital sentiments, which the Christian church have always held and which are now every where uttered with fresh emotion in the oft-repeated and ever-living songs of Zion.

The introduction of the collection adopted by the General Association of Connecticut, or of any other, in the place of Watts and the Select Hymns, into the churches of this State would be a material innovation.

It appears from the Congregational Almanac that we have in our connection 171 churches.

Of these 171 churches, 144 use the Christian Psalmody, or Worcester's Watts with the Select Hymns.

Twenty of the churches use other books of different kinds.

In reference to the remaining seven we have obtained no information.

More than five-sixths of our congregations, probably, make use of Worcester's Watts' and Select Hymns.

It is hardly to be supposed that any action of this body would at once produce a general change; if it should not, the effect would evidently not be "to secure uniformity," but rather to destroy it.

The Book to which our churches are accustomed, though doubtless susceptible of improvement, is, nevertheless, in our opinion, a collection of great merit, and including the Hymns added in the later editions, one of great variety. Our people are accustomed to it; strong associations already attach them to it.

And our deliberate opinion is, after a good deal of reflection, that, for the present, we have reason to be satisfied with a work so unexceptionable, if not faultless, and so generally in use among us.

CHAS. B. HADDOCK,
JOHN RICHARDS,
Z. S. BARSTOW,
DANIEL J. NOYES.

Voted, That the next Annual return of members of the Churches be based on a specific enumeration.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund made their report, which was accepted and adopted.

Rev. N. Bouton was appointed to prepare a resolution in respect to the deficiency in the Widows' Charitable Fund.

Voted, That eight minutes each be allowed to Rev. Messrs. Clark, French, Tappan and Ferguson, to make addresses on the subjects connected with their respective agencies.

Voted, That Messrs. Tracy, Burgess and Kimball be a Committee to nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Voted, to have a recess, to give place to the Sabbath School, and Education causes.

After the recess, the Association was addressed by Rev. Mr. Ferguson, Agent of the Tract Society, Rev. Wm. Clark, Agent of the Foreign Missionary Society, Rev. D. D. Tappan, Agent for the American Sunday School Union, and Rev. J. R. French, Seamen's Chaplain at Havana.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Rev. N. Bouton reported a resolution in regard to the Widows'

Fund, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. A. P. Tenney, N. Bouton and W. R. Jewett.

Rev. A. Burnham was re-appointed Treasurer, and Rev. N. Bouton, Auditor.

Voted, That a tax of 50 cents be assessed upon the members of the District Associations.

Voted, to adjourn until half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from Iowa—on Articles of Faith—reported, that having examined the same, they recommend, that the General Association reciprocate the Christian sympathies of that body—and that we accede to their proposal for a correspondence.

The delegates appointed to Foreign Bodies were as follows:

Primaries.	Substitutes.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Annual).	
Rev. H. M. Dexter.	Rev. R. W. Clark.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Triennial.)	
Rev. John K. Young.	Rev. J. DeF. Richards.
To the General Association of Connecticut.	
Rev. D. L. French,	Rev. A. Benson,
Rev. D. Kimball.	Rev. Z. S. Barstow.
To the General Association of Massachusetts.	
Rev. P. Cooke,	Rev. J. Pomeroy,
Rev. D. J. Noyes.	Rev. J. G. Davis.
To the General Convention of Vermont.	
Rev. E. Tenney,	Rev. A. Richards,
Rev. J. Boutwell,	Rev. W. Follett.
General Conference of Maine.	
Rev. A. Burgess,	Rev. L. Conant,
Rev. D. P. Smith.	Rev. I. Knight.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.	
Rev. C. Shedd,	Rev. J. E. Farwell,
Rev. W. Murdock.	Rev. E. Rockwood.
Congregational Union of Canada East.	
Rev. E. D. Cleveland.	Rev. Isaac Esty.
General Association of Michigan and the General Association of Iowa.	
Rev. E. H. Barstow.	Rev. Jacob Cummings.
General Association of New York.	
Rev. Edwin S. Wright.	Rev. James Aiken.

The Report of the committee on "Narratives of the state of religion" was read.

Voted, That this report be accepted, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

Voted, That the Association give place to the New Hampshire Bible Society.

The committee on the Widows' Fund reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.: 1. That the several District Asso-

ciations be earnestly requested to pay an annuity of one dollar each, to the Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund, to aid the objects of that important Institution. 2. That the annuities which shall be so paid, be received by the Treasurer of each Association, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund in Concord. 3. That the Trustees of said Fund be requested to consider the expediency of dispensing with one or both of the collections now made for that object. That the Trustees be further requested to take efficient measures according to their discretion to increase the available fund, and to make larger annual appropriations to their beneficiaries.

Voted, That the Scribes of the several District Associations be a committee to see that the preceding resolutions are carried into effect.

The Scribes of the Association were appointed a committee to publish the Minutes.

Rev. A. Burgess was appointed Preacher, at the communion season for the next year, and Rev. D. J. Noyes, Substitute.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the people of this place for their hospitality, and to the Choir for their acceptable services.

Rev. Messrs. P. Cooke and J. Richards, D. D., were appointed a committee to prepare the Pastoral letter, for the next year.

Voted to adjourn until to-morrow at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26. Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. David Kimball.

The Pastoral letter was then read, accepted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The committee appointed to report on the memorial from the Piscataqua Association, made their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

"They have taken the subject into serious consideration, and are unanimous in the opinion that it is not expedient to alter the present organization of the General Association. The committee well remember, that this subject came before this body in 1832; was then assigned to a committee, who reported in like manner, with this report, that it was not expedient to alter its present form. The committee know no reasons now, to make the alteration which were not then advanced. Besides this, the committee are acquainted with several of the District Associations, who have recently had the subject of alteration before them, and have unanimously signified their desire that the change contemplated by the Piscataqua Association may not prevail."

Voted, that 600 copies of the Minutes of this Association be published.

Voted, To adjourn after the communion season.

The minutes of the doings of this body were then read, accepted and adopted. JONATHAN FRENCH, *Moderator*.

EDWIN S. WRIGHT, *Scribe*.

GILES LEACH, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee regret the necessity of reporting so much that is disheartening in the prospects of our churches. There is a remarkable sameness running through all the reports from the different Associations in the State. All lament a general apathy in things of religion and indications of conformity to the world. All report a diminution from death and excision surpassing the increase by profession. And, with few exceptions, the increase from all sources does not equal the removals. We are constrained to inquire, How long can such a state of things continue without showing the most painful results ?

But the dark prospect is relieved by some encouraging features. There is a state of peace and harmony in our churches surpassed by no former years. All exciting influences, which have sometimes operated like destructive storms, have disappeared. Doubtless a portion of this quiet is carnal repose. It may be in a measure the stillness of spiritual death. But we cannot account for the whole in this way. There is generally a good attendance on the means of grace on the Sabbath and a willingness to listen to sound doctrine. The Sabbath School is regarded with favor, the novelty attending its first introduction has now passed away, and it is prosecuted from fixed and abiding religious principle. There appears to be an increasing conviction in our churches that greater permanency ought to be give to the pastoral relation. The dismission of pastors, compared with former years, has been few. The benevolent operations of the day are taking deeper hold of the affections of the people, as is evident from the increase of their contributions.

Although there have been few of those scenes, to which, in years past, we gave the name "revival of religion," there have still been, in a large number of our congregations some hopeful conversions. They have occurred without the use of extraordinary means in a way that clearly manifested the hand of God. We can but hope there is a silent operation in progress in our churches and congregations that will hereafter develope itself in a revival worthy of the name.

It should be noticed that a few of our churches have received pleasing accessions. The one at Salmon Falls has been in existence but little more than a year. Since the last meeting of this Association, they have settled a pastor, and have been blessed with an interesting season of revival that has more than doubled their numbers. One of the churches in Exeter has been refreshed and enlarged. The same is true of Chester. At several places, there are now pleasing indications. A few conversions having recently occurred, some are enquiring, while a deep solemnity pervades the congregation.

The reports which come to us from other bodies contain encouraging items.

Never in the history of our country was so much effort made to instruct the slaves in the truths of the Christian religion as at the present time. That instruction is yielding precious fruit. There

have been recently interesting revivals of religion and additions to the churches in the Southern States, and the colored people have been the most numerous subjects. We cannot withhold an expression of our prayers, and hopes, that benevolent christian efforts in behalf of the slaves will be increased and blessed until this class shall enjoy all the privileges of the gospel.

The report from the ocean has some cheering items. While landmen are cherishing an increasing interest in behalf of seamen they are strengthened by the tidings of conversions among them not only in port but on the seas. In a few instances we hear of revivals of religion on board our merchantmen and war-ships.

Amid all that is dark and foreboding in our State, and country, we see some things to indicate that the Lord has not forsaken his people and that he will not give up his heritage to reproach.

In behalf of the committee, HOMER BARROWS.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of New Hampshire, to the churches of their connection, sends christian salutations.

Christian brethren and friends,—Being solicitous as it becomes us to be for your spiritual prosperity and usefulness, we call your attention in this our annual communication to the importance of cultivating a spirit of prayer.

The times in which we live are not those of apparently spiritual prosperity. Darkness hangs over us and we mourn the absence of those spiritual comforts and reviving influences which we once enjoyed. On this account it is feared that many have felt less the importance of their approaches to the throne of grace than they should do. This appears from the intelligence which we have received from most of your churches, that prayer-meetings are thinly attended, that many who were once habitual attendants on such occasions now neglect them. We have reason to know too that family prayer is extensively neglected in our churches. Do not these facts speak too nearly the language of ancient infidelity? "Who is the Lord that we should serve him, and what profit is there that we should pray unto him?" This state of mind in his disciples, the Savior of the world anticipated. In reference to the parable of the importunate widow, it is said, that Jesus spake this parable to the intent that men ought always to pray and not to faint.

There are times when there is no danger of such neglect. What! give up prayer-meetings in such seasons as the day of Pentecost! Many of you remember when you no more thought of neglecting the prayer-meeting of the church than the public worship of the Sabbath. But such seasons have passed away and you have ceased to feel the same interest in your approaches to the throne of grace. This is human nature, and against the prevalence of it, our Lord directed the remark before noticed. that is, that we should be found faithful in the

duty of prayer, at all proper and stated seasons, and never relinquish it on account of any discouragements. Here is the mind of Christ in regard to this particular duty. His will, you have covenanted to make the rule of your lives. An habitual neglect of this duty is then a forfeiture of your christian integrity and consequently of your hopes for eternity. Permit then the cultivation of a spirit of prayer to be urged upon you by the following considerations.

1st. The spirit of prayer is connected with the richest spiritual blessings. The Holy Spirit, the divine agent and inspirer of prayer, with all his purifying, elevating, and comforting influences, dwells with those who love this duty. His renewing influences upon the hearts of men are also connected with the humble, earnest discharge of this duty on the part of the people of God. It is said of the early disciples of our Lord, after his ascension from the midst of them, that "they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives and continued with one accord in prayer and supplications." "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." This example in the early history of the christian church may be regarded as indicative of the usual method of the bestowment of the Holy Spirit upon the churches. In every age this blessing has been connected with the revival of a spirit of prayer. He whose power and grace secures the end, prepares also the hearts of his people for the use of the means, that the glory may all be his.

With the gift of the Holy Spirit, you are aware, is connected every other spiritual good. "The fruit of the Spirit," we are told, "is in all goodness, righteousness and truth." It is "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." Everything then valuable in the Gospel, every excellence in human character is connected with the spirit of prayer. It eminently prepares for christian usefulness. No christian has ever done much for the good of the world who has not possessed it. It was the life of such men as Luther, Knox, Whitefield, Howard and of every one in every age and condition of life who has ever done much for the good of the world. A failure in this duty is a failure in the whole business of religion. No other christian grace can grow and prosper without it. Here it is apprehended we find the cause of much that is unlovely and wrong in christians of our time. Correct this evil and you correct most others. The professed disciples of our Lord have separated themselves from him who is their life and are left to their own weakness, and often to show their own folly.

2d. Allow your attention to be called to the urgency of the case in our churches at the present time. Until this is felt we shall never be likely to awake to the duty of prayer to any good purpose. In the parable put forth by our Lord with the object in view which we have before us at the present time, the importunate widow is represented as having suffered wrong. She had been oppressed and was in circumstances of peculiar trial, of pressing urgent necessity. It was this which gave energy to her solicitations. The christian needs such an influence upon him. Then his heart will be in his prayers and he will take hold on Almighty strength.

The infant church at Jerusalem suffered persecution. The cruel hand of Herod was stretched forth to vex them. James was killed with the sword, and because it pleased the Jews, Peter was also taken. He was imprisoned to be brought forth at a future time and slain. But it is said, "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." It was a time of trial to the infant church. Her leaders were taken from them, and each might tremble for himself. The night before Peter's intended execution was spent in such prayer as would never afterwards be forgotten. When all human hope was gone, God appeared for the deliverance of his servant, and before the light of the morning he joined his brethren in giving thanks to him to whom men should always pray and not faint. In the history of the church the instances have been numerous in which the prayers of christians have been called forth by the emergencies in which they have been placed. Their circumstances have been so ordered that they have been shut up unto the faith. Then have they prevailed with God.

We invite you to consider the present condition of our churches and the necessity of importunate prayer in relation to them. We have not to complain of poverty or persecution, or a want of a disposition on the part of those associated with us, to aid, as in former years, in the support of religious institutions. In these respects we are a favored people, and we may say to the opposers of our institutions, "Walk about Zion, go round about her, tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generations following. For this God is our God forever and ever."

But to a great extent we have the form of godliness without the power. It is now many years since those seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord were enjoyed, in the rememberance of which we rejoice. The number in our churches is every year diminishing. Some of them do not now number one half as many members as in some former years. Of the young in our congregations, many of whom have come forward in our Sabbath Schools, the objects of our affections, and the ground of our hope for the future, a generation has risen up since the days of revivals. Very few of them have accepted the Savior, and secured the aids of his grace; at the same time they are under a worldly and unhallowed influence, which they who have gone before them never knew. A healthful moral influence has been diminishing, while in many places, iniquity has been coming in like a flood.

When shall those seasons return when the current of the public mind shall be turned to the spiritual and immortal interests of men, and sinners shall be found flocking to Christ? The answer to such an inquiry, in the ordinary course of events, must be *never*, until our churches awake to a spirit of importunate prayer.

The question is in an important sense submitted to you, christian friends, whether the cause of our Lord among you shall be revived, or continue to decline. What answer will you give, so far as your individual influence is concerned? Like Saul of Tarsus when it was

announced, "Behold he prayeth," will not each of you inquire, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" What hope, what courage would it inspire in these dark times, to know that our churches generally were awaking to a spirit of prayer! This your Savior would approve, and with this awakened spirit of prayer, his Spirit would be poured down like the rain and dew that water the earth. Shall then this night end in the dawn of a glorious day of revivals, when there shall be joy in heaven and joy on earth over sinners who shall be converted to God, when your sons and your daughters and the beloved youth around you shall join with you in giving thanks to God for his redeeming mercy? Shall anything on your part be neglected which is needful to bring about such a result? Recall your covenant vows, in the days of your espousal, to be wholly the Lord's, to seek his glory and not your own.

3d. We call your attention to a proper confidence in God. He has not directed you to seek him in vain. The importunate widow was compelled to plead her case before an unjust judge, one who feared not God nor regarded man. But you are to come before the Father of mercies, the Savior of sinners, who yielded himself up unto death for our redemption. He is a God at hand and not afar off, able to supply all your wants and to meet every desire. He is the refuge of his people. Such he has been to you. O do not forget the time when in the distress of your souls he appeared for your deliverance! How gracious was he! Can you not trust him still, trust him in all your wants? How able is he to cause light to shine out of darkness, and joy and gladness to succeed sorrow and sighing! His promises in which "he has caused you to hope" will not fail. The time will come when God will "arise and have mercy upon Zion. The time to favor her, the set time will come. For his servants yet take pleasure in her stones and favor the dust thereof." No discouragements should be allowed to shake our confidence in God or move us from the duties which we owe to him. Every instance of successful prayer recorded in the divine record should be for our encouragement. Abraham, Jacob, Joshua, Elijah, David and Daniel were examples of this kind and on this account were the benefactors of their race. They had confidence in his promises and acted accordingly. There are those, we trust, in our churches who act upon this principle. But we are reminded every year that the number of such is diminishing. The prayerful members of our churches are falling around us. Are there those who are prepared to come forward and occupy their places in the church and in the prayer-meeting, and sustain their influence and example? Let the question come home to each one who hopes in the mercy of God. Does he not call you to take the place of some faithful servant whom he has called to his reward?—And are you ready for the labor, for the sacrifice, for the self-denial requisite for such a purpose! "Occupy till I come," is the injunction of our Lord. Before another annual address from us, many of you will have passed into eternity. May you come to the close of your earthly course in the spirit of prayer and of humble confidence in God.

ISAAC WILLEY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Association of New Hampshire in account with A. Burnham Treasurer.

Cr. By from Belknap Association,			$4,00
Caledonia	"		0,00
Deerfield	"		3,50
Derry,	"		4,00
Harmony,	"		0,00
Hopkinton,	"		4,00
Hollis,	"		7,00
Monadnock,	"		8,50
Orange,	"		7,50
Piscataqua,	"		9,00
Sullivan,	"		7,00
Union,	"		4,00
			$58,50
Dr.			
To paid Dea. A. McFarland for printing, &c.,		38,06	
freight, &c.,		1,02½	
		39,06½	
To balance due on last year's account,		7,39	46,47½
Balance in treasury,			$12,02½

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Rev. A. Burnham, Treasurer of General Association of New Hampshire, and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

N. BOUTON, Auditor.

Concord, August 21, 1847.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to the Constitution of the Widows' Charitable Fund, the Trustees of that Fund present their Annual Report to the General Association of N. H.

At their annual meeting, June 2, 1847, the following election of officers was made:

Rev. N. Bouton, *President.*
Rev. A. Burnham, *Secretary.*
Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Treasurer.*
Rev. N. Bouton and Hon. S. Morril, *Auditors.*
Rev. N. Bouton, A. Burnham and Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Executive Committee.*

The public collection at the annual meeting of the convention was $14,25. And the donation from the Piscataqua Association, at the last anniversary of this General Association, was $18, instead of $8, as it appeared in the printed Report.

In behalf of the Trustees,

A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

After the annual meeting of the Trustees, the Executive Committee held their annual meeting, and appropriated,

To Mrs. Pillsbury,	$20,00
Mrs. Hull,	20,00
Mrs. Clary,	20,00
Mrs. Thompson,	20,00
Mrs. Nichols,	20,00
Amounting to	$100,00
To Mrs. Dow,	20,00

if upon inquiry the Committee should find it necessary.

Pembroke, Aug. 21, 1847.

A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died. Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Alton,			2	8	10									
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	103	159	262									
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	16	34	50									
Gilmanton 1st ch.	Horace Wood,	Stated supply.			75									
Gilmanton Centre	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	75	105	180	1		1	6		6			
Gilmanton Iron W	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	46	78	124		1	1	6		6			
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	61	138	199	1	1	2	4		4			
Meredith village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	29	54	83				2		2			
Sanbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	60	115	175				1		1			
					1158	2	2	4	18		18			

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adu.	Inf.	Tot.
Bethlehem,	Isaac Esty,	Stated Supply.	10	18	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franconia,			6	12	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter.	Dec. 13, 1842.	36	86	122	0	3	3	0	1	1	2	0	1	1

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adu.	Inf.	Tot.
Chichester,	Charles Willey,	Oct. 1845.	55	87	142				2	1	4	7		4	4
Deerfield,	Eph. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841.			120				1		1	2		3	3
Epsom,	Rufus A. Putnam,	May 5, 1847.	No return fro m the church.												
Loudon,	Destitute.														
Northwood,	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842.	45	70	115		6	6	3		2	5		3	3
Nottingham,	Destitute.														
Pittsfield,	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.	62	108	170		6	6	1		5	6		1	1
Raymond,	John C. Page,	Oct. 7, 1841.			135		2	2						2	2
					682		14	14	7	1	11	20		13	13

Unsettled Ministers.—Josiah Carpenter, Chichester; Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield; E. Dow, Loudon; Josiah Prentice, Northwood. Mr. Dow was dismissed from his charge in Loudon in June.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adu.	Inf.	Tot.
Atkinson,*	Jesse Page,	Stated Supply.				0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Stated Supply.	12	26	38	0	13	13	4	0	1	5	0	2	2
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	95	147	242	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	4	4
Chester,*	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derry village,	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837.	48	105	153	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	5	5
Derry Pres. ch.,	Edward L. Parker,	Sept. 12, 1810.			238	0	8	8	5	0	0	5	0	10	10
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1836.	38	58	96	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	1	4	5
Pelham,*	Eden B. Foster,	Stated Supply.	32	68	100	0	1	1	2	0	6	8	0	3	3
Salem,		Vacant.	10	32	42	0	2	2	1	0	2	3	0	2	2
Windham Pr. ch.	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	60	88	148	1	3	4	4	0	6	10	0	10	10
10	9		295	524	1057	3	32	35	18	1	18	37	1	40	41

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. John Kelley, Hampstead; Rev. Samuel Harris, Windham. * Last year's report.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Conway,	Carruthurs,	Stated supply.	23	64	87										
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	21	46	67		2	2			2	2			
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,	Feb. 1828.			79					1		1			
Ossipee,	John S. Winter,	Nov. 8, 1837.	27	53	80				1		1	2			
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	42	104	146	6	5	11	5		2	7	2	10	12
Sandwich, 1st ch.	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1842.	27	54	81										
" 2d	do 1-4 time		9	14	23										
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,	June 14, 1843.	82	148	230	3	1	4	2		2	4			
Tuftonborough,	John S. Winter, 1-4 t.	Stated supply.	14	21	35		2	2	2			2			
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply.	18	31	53										
Wolfboro,' 1st ch.	Jeffries Hall,	Stated supply.	19	47	66				1		1	2		1	1
" 2d	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843.	21	36	57				1		2	5			
Effingham,	Vacant.		13	29	42										
Hebron and Groton,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	5	17	22										
			17	17	34		3	3							
Danbury,	Daniel Pulcifer,	1844.	28	33	61										
Thornton,	William P. Gale,	Jan. 1, 1845.	11	17	28										
			377	735	1191	9	13	20	14	1	10	23	2	11	13

Unsettled Minister.—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc. Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. G. Davis,	May 22, 1844.	87	200	287	5		5	6	7	13		2	2
Brookline,	D. Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1838.	26	54	80		2	2	2	2	4		3	3
Hollis,	J. Aiken,	Aug. 31, 1843.	71	129	200				1	10	11		4	4
Mason,	E. Hill,	Nov. 3, 1790.	39	62	101				62		62			
Merrimack,	S. T. Allen,	May 22, 1839.	32	75	107	2	2	4	2		2	2	6	8
" Evan. ch.	S. H. Tolman,	Stated supply.			35				3		3			
Milford,	L. P. Kimball,	May 19, 1847.	99	170	269	3	6	9		2	2	2	1	3
Mont Vernon,	B. Smith,	Aug. 19, 1841.	55	121	176	5	3	8	2	4	6	2	3	5
Nashua, Olive st.	A. Richards,	April 6, 1836.			402	6	8	14	108	3	111	4	3	7
New Ipswich,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	*132	257	389									
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	79	148	227		2	2	4	5	9		5	5
Temple,	W. Follet,	July 25, 1844.			*120									
Wilton,	Chs. Whiting,	Jan. 4, 1843.	43	64	107		1	1	9	5	14		2	2

Unsettled Ministers.—Rev. Humphrey Moore, Milford; Rev. Leonard Jewett, Hollis; Rev. J. W. Shepard, Nashua; Rev. A. B. Warner, Northampton, Mass., and Rev. J. B. Hill, Mason.

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HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.			*20										
Boscawen East,	Caleb Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.	95	155	250		1	1	4		7	11		6	6
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	59	97	156		1	1	5		2	7		1	1
Bradford,					*119										
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842.	29	56	85		1	1	3		1	4		1	1
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	53	96	149	1		1	4	3	2	9		6	6
Concord 1st,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	66	187	253	1	7	8	4		12	16	1	15	16
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 24, 1833.	70	150	220	1		1	3	1	4	8	1	6	7
Concord South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1837.	62	132	194	7	13	20	8			8	5	8	13
Concord East,	Winthrop Fifield,	March 24, 1847.	39	75	114		3	3	1		1	2		2	2
Franklin,	Isaac Knight,	Sept. 27, 1837.	24	71	95		1	1	1		1	2			
Henniker,															
Hill,	John Le Bosquet,	April 27, 1843.	17	41	53				5		1	6		5	5
Hooksett,					*14										
Hopkinton,	Edwin Jennison,	Jan. 6, 1847.			253	1		1	8		4	12		3	3
Loudon village,															
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808.	37	115	152		6	6	7	1	3	11		1	1
Salisbury,	G. W. Ash,														
Sanbornton Br'ge	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 1843.	37	75	112		3	3	3	1	4	8		2	2
and Northfield,															
Warner,	R. W. Fuller,	June 10, 1846.	42	49	91	1	2	3	2	3	5	10		1	1
Wilmot,	Nathan Howard,*				*23										
21	16 settled.				2253	12	38	50	58	9	47	114	7	57	64

Unsettled Ministers.—Ebenezer Price, West Boscawen; Wm. Patrick, Canterbury; Benj. P. Stone, Henry Wood, Concord; Eden B. Foster, dismissed from Henniker and supplying at Pelham; James W. Perkins.

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Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Bedford, (Pres.)	Thomas Savage,	1826.			250	2		2	2		6	8		2	2
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	40	104	144		1	1	3		3	6			
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837.	40	70	110				4	1	2	7			2
Hudson,	William Page,	Aug. 14, 1844.	27	53	80	1		1							
Litchfield, (Pres.	Wm. H. Porter,	Oct. 29, 1845.	10	10	20		2	2			2	2		1	1
Londonderry, do.	T. G. Brainerd,	Nov. 5, 1840.			270		2	2	2		3	5		9	9
Manchester, 1st,	Cyrus W. Wallace,	Jan. 1840.	71	146	217	1	10	11	8	1	1	10		5	5
Manchester, 2d,	Henry M. Dexter,	Nov. 6, 1844.	35	62	97	1	18	19	4	1	2	7		2	2
Manchester,	John L. Seymour,	City missionary.	cong.	150	to200										
Nashua, 1st ch.	Samuel Lamson,	1846.			475	8	12	20	7		3	10	4	7	11
Total, 9 churches.	9 Pastors, and	1 missionary.			1283			56							

Unsettled Ministers.—John L. Seymour, Wm. Richardson and Mr. Miltimore.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.*

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Lyme,	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831.	153	273	426										
Canaan,			13	29	42										
Orford, West,	Daniel Campbell,	May, 1833.	24	75	99										
Orford, East,	A. B. Foster,	June 26, 1844.	23	61	84										
Piermont,	Increase S. Davis,	Stated supply,	42	83	125										
Wentworth,		preach 1-2 time	15	31	46										
Haverhill,	—— Searle,	Stated supply.	21	87	108										
Bath,	Edward Cleveland,	July 31, 1844.	33	64	97										
			324	703	1027										

Unsettled Ministers.—Nathan Lord, D. D., J. M. Ellis, and Samuel Delano.

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MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Alstead,	Robert Crossett,	May 3, 1843.	24	64	88	2	1	3	4		3	7		2	2
New Alstead,					126	4		4			4	4			
Paper-mill village,	Seth Arnold,	Stated supply.	17	24	41						1	1			
Chesterfield,	Benjamin E. Hale,	Aug. 31, 1842.			83		1	1			1	1			
Dublin,	Henry A. Kendall,		13	32	45		1	1	1		3	4			
Fitzwilliam,	Horace Herrick,	Sept. 4, 1844.			204	2	2	4	9		2	11			
Gilsum,	James Tisdale,	Stated supply.			39	2		2		2	2	4			
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould,		52	60	112		2	2	1			1		1	1
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845.			*150										
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818.	70	237	307		9	9	5	1	3	9		24	24
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	30	67	97		5	5	2		2	4		2	2
Nelson,	Daniel L. French,	Nov. 4, 1841.			122	2	7	9			4	4	2	2	4
Harrisville,	Jere. Pomeroy,	Stated supply.	23	40	63		2	2	5			5		1	1
Roxbury,	Ezra Adams,	Stated supply.	13	25	38				2			2		1	1
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson,	Jan. 5, 1803.			66				1		1	2			
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1846.	29	59	88		2	2			1	1		4	4
Surry,			3	18	21		1	1		1		1			
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 16, 1836.			78		1	1	1		2	3		1	1
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	24	55	79	1	3	4	1		3	4		3	3
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow,	Aug. 6, 1845.	32	82	114		2	2			3	3			
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	36	104	140	3		3			2	2			
Winchester,	John P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	67	158	225				9	1		10			
22	21		433	1125	2326	16	39	52	41	5	37	81	2	41	43

Unsettled Ministers.—Gad Newell, Nelson; Elihu Smith. * Last year's report.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	19	34	58										
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841.	25	52	77	1		1			1	1			
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, 1845.	81	283	364		1	1	5	1	3	9		3	3
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	14	59	73	1	1	2							
Epping,	Enoch Corser,	Stated supply.	9	28	37		2	2					1	1	2
Exeter 1st church,	Roswell D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, 1845.	52	97	149		13	13	1		3	4		4	4
Exeter 2d church,	Isaac Hurd,	Sept. 11, 1817.	17	65	*82										
Farmington,	Benjamin G. Willey,	Supply.	10	16	26						1	1			
Greenland,	Samuel W. Clark,	Aug. 5, 1829.	13	30	43									2	2
Hampton,	Erasmus D. Eldredge,	April 4, 1838.	63	130	193	1		1			10	10	1	9	10
Kingston,	James Fletcher,	Stated supply.	18	39	57				5	1	1	7			
Milton,	Edward F. Abbott,	Aug. 19, 1846.	31	61	92						2	2			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	9	22	31		1	1			2	2		1	1
Newington,	No preacher.		2	8	10										
New Market, Lamprey Riv-	—— Chamberlain,	Stated supply.	35	63	*98										
North Hampton, [er,	Jonathan French,	Nov. 18, 1801.	74	93	167		1	1			7	7		9	9
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clark,	Nov. 16, 1842.			320		1	1	6	5	5	16		7	7
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, 1843.	19	83	102	2		2	2		3	5	2		2
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	37	79	116				2		1	3			
Seabrook and HamptonFalls,	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	29	53	82				1		2	3		2	2
Somersworth, Salmon Falls,	Samuel J. Spalding,	Oct. 28, 1846.	14	23	37	15	9	24	1			1	5	1	6
Somersworth, Great Falls,	James T. McCollom,	Oct. 2, 1844.	34	90	124		4	4	3			3		1	1
South Newmarket,	Destitute.		11	18	*29										
Stratham,	William J. Newman,	Nov. 2, 1836.	17	39	56	1		1	1		3	4		2	2
24	22				2418			54				79			51

Unsettled Ministers.—Jonathan Ward, Brentwood; Tobias H. Miller, Portsmouth. * Last year's report.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	66	96	162	2	6	8	1		5	6	1	5	6
Charlestown,	J. DeForest Richards,	May 28, 1841.	23	48	71		1	1	2		2	4		1	1
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	73	136	209	4	6	10	2		5	7	7	4	11
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding.	Oct. 1, 1835.	35	59	94	1		1							
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply.	33	53	86						4	4			
Dartmouth Coll.,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 20, 1842.			*252										
Enfield,	Benj. Burge,	July, 1840.	11	16	27				1			1			
Hanover Centre,	David Kimball,	Stated supply.			128				4		3	7		3	3
Goshen,					*52										
Langdon,	John Wood,	April 8, 1840.			*26										
Lebanon,	Phinehas Cooke.	May 13, 1829.	64	130	194				5	1	2	8			
Lempster 1st ch.	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	38	57	95	2	6	8	1			1	1	2	3
Lempster 2d ch.					*42										
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	18	46	64	2	3	5	2		1	3	1	1	2
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 28, 1824.	78	127	205	2	3	5	6		9	15	5		5
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	8	28	36	1		1	1		1	2			
Unity,					*12										
Washington.	John F. Griswold.	Stated supply.			*36										
18	15				1791										

Unsettled Ministers.—Prof. C. B. Haddock, Hanover, and Aaron Wait, Jr., Andover. * Last year's report.

Licentiates.—A. Wood and Cyrus Richards, Meriden.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Antrim,	John M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.													
Bennington,	Albert Manson,	Nov. 3, 1841.	21	41	62				3		3	6		2	2
Greenfield, Evan.	David P. Smith,	May 8, 1845.			128				1		1	2		2	2
Greenfield, 1st	Noah Emerson,	Stated supply.	27	41	68	3	4	7			1	1	1		1
Hancock, [Cong.	Archibald Burgess,	Dec. 25, 1822.	78	128	206		1	1	5		1	6		7	7
Hillsboro', 1st Con	Elihu T. Rowe,*	May 29, 1845.	35	56	91				3	1	4	8			
Hillsboro' Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	22	43	65				1		1	2		2	2
Deering,	Edmund Burt,	Stated supply.	13	38	51						2	2		3	3
Francestown,	Jonathan M'Gee,	Aug. 16, 1843.	135	240	375	1	9	10	5		12	17	1	6	7
Lyndeboro',	Claggett,	1846.	Not reported.												
New Boston,	Erastus M. Kellogg,	June 26, 1845.	56	125	181	1	2	3	8		3	11		4	4
Peterboro',	Henry J. Lamb.	1847.	Not reported.												
12	12														

Unsettled Ministers.—William Richardson, removed to Manchester; J. R. French, engaged in the Seaman's cause; I. Kimball, removed to Maine.

* Rev. E. T. Rowe, has for the present removed to Derry to take charge of the Adams Female Academy.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Colebrook,	C. W. Richardson.		27	79	106										
Lancaster,			14	62	76										
Dalton,			20	28	48										
Whitefield,			10	16	26										

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.*	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.*
Strafford, Bel. & C.	April & May.	June and July.	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.
Merrimack,	June & July.	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.	April and May.
Grafton & Coos,	August & Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.	Aug. and Sept.
Cheshire & Sul'van	Dec. and Jan.	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. and March.	April and May.	June and July.	Aug. and Sept.	Oct. and Nov.	Dec. and Jan.

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GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN MANCHESTER,

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STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1 This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually ; and be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., by a concio ad clerum by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A scribe and assistant scribe shall be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the secretary, the treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and delegates from district associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz :—One from every association, two from every association of seven members, three from every association of thirteen members, and four from every association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a delegate who has not received ordination.

5. The secretary shall receive the certificates of the delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the Committee of Overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen, by ballot, who shall nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a Committee of Overtures. The acceptance of their nomination shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the association; nor shall the moderator while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the moderator, or have leave of absence without vote of the association.

11. It shall be the duty of the moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session the minutes of the preceeding day shall he read; and the minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of delegates to Corresponding Bodies shall be certified by the printed minutes, or by a certificate from the secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of religion in our churches and corresponding bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The district associations shall annually present the schedules of their Churches, Ministers settled and unsettled, the number of their Churches, &c.

16. A condensed narrative of the state of religion in each association shall be prepared, and reported by a committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of religion shall be lodged with the secretary, to be kept on file.

10. The Publishing Committee shall see that the minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the district associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the Eastern and Western sections of the State.

20. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

The following modification of the exercises of the General Association was adopted at their meeting at Nashua, in 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and, with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meeting, public religious services under the direction of the pastor of the place, be held every evening during the session; that the narratives of the state of religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers; that Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the New Hampshire Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the New Hampshire Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other subjects as the Association shall direct and time will allow; and finally, that a Sermon adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the Communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at the Meeting-House of the First Congregational Church in Manchester, on Tuesday, August 22, 1848, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Nath. Bouton, from Zech. 1:5—"Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?"

The following Delegates from District Associations, and from Corresponding Bodies, were present:—

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap	Association,	Rev. Messrs. A. Benson, J. K. Young.
Caledonia,	"	none.
Deerfield,	"	Rev. Messrs. J. C. Page, Chas. Willey.
Derry,	"	Rev. Messrs. J. Holmes, L. Armsby.
Harmony	"	Rev. Messrs. J. Blake, N. Barber.
Hollis	"	Rev. Messrs. S. T. Allen, L. P. Kimball, S. Lee.
Hopkinton,	"	Rev. Messrs. D. O. Morton, D. J. Noyes, E. Buxton, B. P. Stone.
Lancaster	"	none.
Manchester	"	Rev. Messrs. T. Savage, W. H. Porter.
Orange	"	Rev. M. C. Searle.
Monadnock	"	Rev. Messrs. L. Tenney, L. Townsend, M. Gerould, S. Rogers.
Piscataqua	"	Rev. Messrs. R. W. Clark, H. Barrows, W. J. Newman, J. T. McCollom.
Sullivan	"	Rev. Messrs. J. Woods, J. F. Griswold, D. Sawyer, B. F. Lawrence.
Union	"	Rev. J. McGee.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIIS.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, *Secretary*.
Rev. A. Burnham, *Treasurer*.
Rev. Messrs. C. W. Wallace, H. M. Dexter, *Ministers of the place*.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (annual,) Rev. R. Taylor.
" " " " (triennial,) none.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. C. Marsh.
" " Connecticut, none.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. W. Wright.
General Conference of Maine, Rev. J. Rogers.
General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. T. T. Waterman.

General Association of New York, Rev. J. P. Thompson.
General Association of Michigan, none.

Rev. T. Savage was chosen Moderator; Rev. J. T. McCollom, Scribe; and Rev. S. T. Allen, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet at a quarter past 1 o'clock.

Afternoon.—Met according to adjournment.

The Standing Rules were read by the Secretary. Rev. Messrs. R. W. Clark, C. W. Wallace and R. F. Lawrence, were chosen a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. W. J. Newman, C. Willey of N. H., R. Taylor of N. J., J. Rogers of Me., T. T. Waterman of R. I., and C. Marsh of Mass., were appointed a Committee to take notes, and prepare a report on the state of religion.

The narratives of the state of religion in the District Associations were then given; also, narratives of the state of religion within their respective limits, were given by the delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

Voted to adjourn to meet at this place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 23.—Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Burnham.

A communication from the Third Presb. of N. Y., was read, in reference to irregularities of Corresponding Bodies, in receiving licentiates and ministers without recommendation.

Wherefore, it was voted, That we appreciate the views expressed in that communication, and that this Association will conform to the wishes therein contained.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be given to Rev. Mr. Bouton for his able and appropriate sermon, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for the press.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Bouton in reference to the publication of said sermon. Rev. Messrs. J. Woods, A. Burnham and J. K. Young, were chosen a Committee for that purpose.

A Committee was appointed to certify the standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the limits of the State, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, E. L. Parker, A. W. Burnham, N. Bouton, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, A. Bodwell, E. J. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage and R. W. Clark.

Rev. Messrs. J. F. Griswold and L. Armsby were appointed a Committee to report the place of next meeting, and also the local Association that shall furnish the preacher.

Rev. Messrs. Samuel Lee, J. Blake and D. O. Morton were chosen a Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Rev. Messrs. J. DeForest Richards and J. G. Davis were chosen a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for the next year.

On leave, Rev. Mr. Willey made some statements relative to the City Mission in Manchester. Rev. Messrs. Seymour and Thompson made remarks on the same subject.

Whereupon, a Committee was appointed to take the subject into consideration and report at this meeting. Rev. Messrs. Willey, Young and Woods, were appointed said Committee.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. Mr. Cooke, which was accepted and referred to the publishing committee for publication.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Edwards.

The Association was then addressed by Dr. Edwards, on the subject of the Sabbath—and by Rev. Mr. Clark in reference to the Education Society. Addresses were also made by Rev. Mr. Emerson, agent of the Am. Protest. Society; Rev. Mr. Hovey, agent of For. Ev. Society; Rev. Mr. Fergurson, agent of Tract Society; Rev. Mr. French, Seamens' Chaplain at Havanna; Rev. Mr. Gibson, agent of Am. Sunday School Union; Rev. Mr. Bullard, agent of Mass. Sunday School Society; Rev. Mr. Ellis, agent of the Society for the promotion of Theological and Col. Education at the West; and Rev. Mr. Gleason, agent of the A. B. C. F. M.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Lee.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

1. That we highly approve of the object and operations of the American and Foreign Sabbath Union, and of their plan of putting a copy of the Sabbath Manual into every family that is disposed to receive it, throughout the United States.

2. That we especially approve of the plan of furnishing a copy of it for all Foreign Immigrants, in their own language; and, also, a copy of the Temperance Manual, and of the New Testament; for we cannot but believe that the accomplishment of this object would greatly promote their good and the good of the country.

3. That we cordially recommend the above mentioned Manuals to the families of our own congregations, and to all the families throughout the State.

4. That in our opinion the American Protestant Society has a claim upon the confidence and encouragement of Evangelical Christians, and we recommend that our churches cordially sustain it by their contributions.

5. That we most earnestly recommend that the ministers in our connexion throughout the State, present at sometime during the year, the claims of the Am. Ed. Soc., and give their congregation an opportunity to contribute to its funds.

6. That we cordially approve of the Mass. Sab. School Soc., and commend it to the confidence and patronage of our churches; while we would express to the Board of Managers our desire that its name may be so modified as to be no longer local, but co-extensive with the enterprise, being called the *Puritan Sabbath School Society*.

That we accept their offer of blank forms of annual reports for our Sabbath Schools, and recommend that the same when filled out by the Superintendants or Pastors, be returned to the Secretary for publication, in connexion with the annual report of said Society.

That we regard as peculiarly hopeful, the efforts of this Society to revive and extend the use of the N. E. Primer and Assembly's Catechism in families and Sabbath Schools, and that we should rejoice to have it collect from the benevolent in N. H., the funds requisite to place this excellent manual of the doctrines

and duty of Christianity in each of the families connected with the churches and congregations represented in this body.

7. That the Association reaffirm the recommendations passed by it on former occasions, of the following Benevolent Societies, viz:—Of the American Sunday School Union; that its object and publications deserve the confidence and support of christians and patriots.

Of the Am. Seamen's Friend Society. That engaged as it is in behalf of a most important class of our fellow men, it deserves the co-operation, prayers and contributions of all christians.

Of the Am. Tract Society. That we recommend to pastors and churches a continued co-operation with it, in its efforts to supply this State, our country and the world with a sanctified literature.

Of the Foreign Evangelical Society. That it has continued claims upon the friends of vital godliness, as it aims to disseminate christian knowledge, and to resuscitate the spirit of christianity in Papal Countries.

And of the Society for the promotion of Theological and Collegiate Education in the West. That we approve of it, as an important part of the instrumentalities for the salvation of the West, and the conversion of the world.

Voted to adj'rn to meet this afternoon at a quarter past 1 o'clock, in the Franklin Street Church.

Afternoon.—Met according to adjournment.

Rev. D. J. Noyes was appointed preacher for the communion season for next year, and Rev. John Wood of Langdon, substitute.

The Committee appointed to consult with Rev. Mr. Bouton, relative to the publication of his Sermon, reported in part, viz:—That in their opinion it is expedient that the sermon be published. The report, so far as made, was accepted.

Voted, that the subject of the place of next meeting, be left with the publishing committee, who subsequently, upon correspondence with Rev. Mr. Jewett, decided that it be at PLYMOUTH.

Voted, that the Manchester Association appoint the preacher for next year.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, made their report, which was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Association was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Voted, that the Association take a recess for the purpose of giving place to the New Hampshire Bible Society. After the recess, the Association resumed its session.

Rev. Abraham Burnham was re-appointed Treasurer, and Rev. Nathaniel Bouton Auditor.

Voted, that the Scribes, together with Rev. Mr. Dexter, be a Committee to publish the minutes.

Rev. Mr. Burnham was added to the Committee.

Voted, that the number of copies of the minutes of the Association to be printed, and the manner of their distribution, be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, that the thanks of this Association be presented to the people of this city for their hospitality, and to the choirs of singers for their acceptable services.

Voted to adjourn till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, August 24.—Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Noyes.

Rev Mr. Kimball, delegate to the General Association of Conn., reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

Rev. Mr. Cooke, delegate to the General Association of Mass., made a similar report.

The Committee chosen to confer with Rev. Mr. Bouton, relative to the publication of his sermon, further reported, as follows: — Mr. Bouton consents to the publication of the sermon. Whereupon, they

Recommended, that a Committee of three Ministers in the neighborhood of Rev. Mr. Bouton, be associated with him as a Committee to superintend the publication of said sermon, with such additional notes as they may think expedient.

That they procure the printing of five hundred copies.

That when printed, they forward by stage or otherwise, to some member of each District Association, a number sufficient to supply every member of the Association, with a copy to be paid for by the same, at such price as said Committee shall direct.

That said Committee be authorized to sell or dispose of the remainder at their discretion, and that they report their doings to the next meeting of this body.

The above report was accepted and adopted, and a Committee chosen as was recommended, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Abraham Burnham, D. J. Noyes and B. P. Stone.

The report of Committee on "narratives of the state of religion," was read.—The report was accepted and adopted.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Resolved, that the Association recommend to the churches connected with this body, that they insist upon it as a rule, that members of other churches residing among them for the space of one year, become connected with them, and in case they neglect to do so, that they be reported to the churches of which they are members.

The Committee appointed to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, reported as follows:—

To the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, (Annual.)

PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTE.
Rev. D. J. Noyes.	Rev. R. F. Lawrence.

To the General Assemby of Presbyterian Church, (Triennial.)

Rev. J. DeForest Richards.	Rev. C. W. Wallace.

To the General Association of Connecticut—

Rev. A. Benson.	Rev. R. W. Clark.

To the General Association of Massachusetts—

Rev. J. Pomeroy.	Rev. D. O. Morton.

To the Ceneral Convention of Vermont—

Rev. A. Richards.	Rev. L. Tenney.

To the General Conference of Maine—

Rev. L. Conant.	Rev. W. R. Jewett.

To the General Association of Michigan, and the General Association o Iowa—

Rev. Caleb Tracy. Rev. Leonard Swain.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—

Rev. M. C. Searle. Rev. D. P. Smith.

To the General Association of New York—

Rev. H. M. Dexter. Rev. S. T. Allen.

The report was accepted and the above named Delegates were chosen.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of the City Mission, mad their report.

It was then voted to adjourn to meet in this place ta a quarter past one o'cloc

Afternoon.—Met according to adjournment.

Voted that a communication be opened with the Evangelical Lutheran Churc of the United States.

The Report on the City Mission in Manchester was again taken up, and it wa

Voted that the report be accepted.

Voted that this report be remanded to the Committee, to be published, wit certain modifications, in the Congregational Journal, together with an appeal t the Churches on the subject therein discussed.

The following resolution was then passed—

Resolved, That it is recommended by the General Association of this Stat that the Churches which have not already done it, take up a collection for th erection of a Free Church in the city of Manchester, (for the use of a City Mis ionary,) to be held in trust by the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

The minutes of the doings of this body were read, accepted and adopted.

Voted to adjourn after the Communion.

Rev. A. Burgess preached from 2 Cor. 9:15—"Thanks be unto God for his u speakable gift," and the Communion was administered by Rev. C. Marsh an P. Cooke of Mass. THOS. SAVAGE, Moderator.

J. T. McCollom, Scribe,

S. T. Allen, Assistant Scribe.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee in presenting a general view of the state of religion within the State, gleaned from the reports of the District Associations, as presented at this meeting, would invite attention—

1st. To the *harmony* existing in the churches, and the kind christian fellowship which is at present enjoyed. We are not so far removed from times of excitement and divisions as to render such report valueless. Many of the ministers of the Gospel can well remember the time when the efforts put forth to build up the kingdom of our Redeemer were rendered ineffectual, and they felt disheartened, because the attention and the heart of the church was occupied and kept occupied upon agitating subjects. They dreaded the storm. They found it hard to stand at the helm, while the excited passions of those who should put forth their energy in the right management of the ship, were expended in contention, and the vain endeavor to make the wind blow from the opposite direction. They then thought if these passions should only be allayed, they should find cause for gratitude, and abundant occasion of encouragement in the endeavor to interest the hearts of believers in their appropriate work. The storm has passed. No church is reported as divided; on the contrary an unusual degree of harmony exists in all the churches. Let us not now murmur because of the calm, but bless God that he has in answer to prayer allayed the evil passions of men, while we pray for the breath of heaven to render adapted and effectual the means employed to extend the influence of truth.

From the reports presented, we ought 2dly, to refer *to the general and increased attention to the institutions of religion* throughout our bounds. Congregations on the Sabbath are larger. The attendance is becoming more regular, and from this fact we may confidently learn that the Gospel is more highly appreciated than it was formerly. More minds are brought under the influence of truth which God has widely adapted to convince them of their need of the Gospel, and to leave them to self-renunciation, penitence and faith. Let us rejoice over this fact. During the past year it is believed that not only the churches have become more attached to the Assembly's Catechism, but the reason for this increased attachment to such a book is to be traced to the influence of the pulpit. In the absence of excitement, has not the attention of the church been more than usually turned to the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel, calmly, logically, and with too little feeling presented? and may not the increased attendance be accounted for in this way? Nothing interests man more, nothing exerts the same kind of influence over the conscience and heart. Probably the increased attendance upon the service of the sanctuary may also be accounted for by the fact that the pulpit has exerted more influence and spoken kindly, yet decidedly upon most, if not all the moral subjects in which the community is interested.—

Not a few, who were silent, and thought it wise to be so in the time of the whirlwind, have interested and undoubtedly profited their people by the candid presentation of truth upon these subjects; showing conclusively the dangers to which we have been exposed by injudicious measures rashly prosecuted, and have added their own influence to right measures adopted and conducted in the spirit of the Gospel. Where the power of the pulpit is felt in pressing the plain, fundamental doctrines of the Gospel on the one hand, and fearlessly frowning upon sin in every form on the other, we may expect advance in the influence which will be exerted over the community.

Encouragement may also be drawn, 3dly, from a fact sustained by the reports presented. *Benevolent objects are receiving greater attention.* If prayers and alms go together, and we see not why they *must not;* then we have reason to hope respecting Zion. The increased contributions to benevolent objects show stronger desire for the good of mankind, and more confidence in the Gospel as the remedy of God's appointment to counteract sin in every form. The objects of benevolence are increasing, and the reports would certainly intimate to us that the church, though still deficient, is better prepared to sustain them. May we not, ought we not, to praise God and take courage, and increase our effort, since God is influencing some men of the world to exert themselves in paying their money to sustain the institutions of religion at home, and the efforts made to extend his kingdom abroad? May we not hope that they who are thus influenced to do good, will be by such influences led to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, in the way of God's appointment? The *Sabbath School* is also receiving increased attention, and thus drawing forth and adding to the energy of the church; while at the same time they who are associated as pupils in this institution are benefitted. May we not hope very much from this fact?

Prayer meetings appointed in the week and lectures, are represented as thinly attended. General interest even in the church has been turned from its proper channel. Worldliness has given character to the professed friends of the Redeemer. From the eight Associations from which statistical reports have been handed in, 447 members have been removed, while but 334 have been added during the last year. The number in the churches connected with these associations is 113 less than were reported last year; 168 have taken the vows of God upon them. It is feared that the statistics from the other six associations would but increase the number of removals. Three ministers, Rev. John Dutton, of North Haverhill, Rev. William Miltimore, of Litchfield, and Rev. John S. Winter, of Ossipee, have died during the last year within our bounds. The common schools are receiving far more attention than formerly, and it is hoped they are coming under better moral influence. The college church at Hanover has received four of the students of Dartmouth College on profession of faith.

The Temperance cause, so far as reported, is decidedly prosperous.

The reports from corresponding bodies are encouraging. We would rejoice in the increased stability, — the marked harmony of sentiment, the firm attachment to Gospel institutions, and the decided and we would hope and believe Christian influence which these large bodies are exerting. Let us feel encouraged by that Christian sympathy which binds us together in the various methods which, with

the blessing of the Great Head of the church, we hope may result in extending the one great cause for which we live. With singleness of heart and union of effort, let us use efforts more vigorously, while we look up with confidence to God for his blessing upon such means. Our external state is prosperous, for which we should be grateful, and if our spiritual state is sad, we should be humble in view of it, pressed with the conviction that it is according to our faith. We should be excited to gratitude by the revivals reported in several of the churches, viz., Acworth, New Alstead, Plymouth, Hampton, Portsmouth, Haverhill, Nashua and Chichester; and although on looking upon the whole year passed, we cannot speak of copious extended showers, shall we not thank God for the dew of divine grace which has kept us alive; and if the plants of righteousness have put forth less appearance of vitality and fruitfulness, may it not be accounted for, at least in part, by the fact that they who labor in the garden of God have been aiming to remove from the roots of these plants those things which would hinder their future growth, while they have been applying that which, when the shower shall descend, will render them beautiful, healthy and fruitful?

In behalf of the Committee,

WM. J. NEWMAN, Chairman of Committee.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The General Association of New Hampshire to the churches in their connection, send their annual salutation:—

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,—Once more we invite you to walk with us "about Zion; and go round about her, and tell the towers thereof, and mark well her bulwarks; consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following."

It is profitable for the Christian, at stated seasons, to examine minutely the condition of the church, especially that branch to which he is affiliated. Whether he find it adverse or prosperous, the contemplation may be turned to valuable account. Suppose, on examination, the ways of Zion mourn, because so few have lately come to her solemn feasts. Suppose she be found weeping sore in the night, with her tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers, having none to comfort her, because her gates are desolate. This sad spectacle imparts a lesson of instruction. If Zion be thus depressed, she calls loudly on her friends for sympathy; the right exercise of which is essential to Christian hope. It was Christian sympathy that marked the friends of Zion during their captivity. It

was manifest in those elegiac strains which never fail in the recital to touch the chord of pious sensibility. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

At the time when the strength of Zion was wasted and she was in the hands of her enemies, had not such profession of attachment appeared, the religion of her professed friends would have been doubted. The condition of the church has been such in modern times as to call forth the religious concern of those who love her interests. Such, in some respects, is the present state of *our* Zion. Not that she is in captivity to a foreign foe—not that her religious privileges are restricted—but the comfort in a measure is gone. For this her priests should sigh, her inquirers be afflicted, and she be clad in mourning. A great change has taken place in our annual solemnities. The story comes to us for several years past that the churches are diminishing in numbers. To be obliged to report such a diminution for only one year, should give deep concern. When the sad tale is repeated from year to year, the friends of Zion have just cause of alarm. The fact must be told that we are not so prosperous as in years past. Our annual convocation is not as formerly, enlivened with the cheering accounts of sinners flocking to Zion, as doves to their windows. In our walk about Zion, to consider her palaces, the inquiry is naturally made, "is there not a cause?"

Solemn responsibilities rest somewhere. The churches have sinned in departing from their first love, and undervaluing the visits of the Holy Ghost.—Such has been the shedding down of divine grace on the churches in our connection, for some twenty years past, that hardly a church can be found which has not experienced a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Our annual festivals were greatly exhilerated by their recitals. Such glad tidings have, in a measure past; such joyful summers ended, and multitudes are not saved. Why, permit us to ask, is this departure from scenes so delightful, so heavenly? For what equivalent has this joy been exchanged? The christian should tell of some advantage gained, when he exchanges one joy for another. If a first love be exchanged for a second, the latter should excel the former.—Are individual christians or churches happier, than when God preserved them in spiritual state? When his candle shone around them, and when by his light they walked through darkness—when the secret of the Lord was upon their tabernacle, and the Almighty was yet with them? Far otherwise. Moments of sin have been followed by months of unhappiness, and years of spiritual languor and disquietude. The once self-approving conscience has become an unwelcome reprover. The comforts of religion have fled, because its spirit and duties have departed. What heart once touched with divine love does not exclaim—"O, that I were as in months past!" So gradual has been this declension, that it seems to be neither felt or duly realized. The annual returns of the churches show it too dearly to be misapprehended. In such a fallen state, do you ask what shall we do? We answer in the unerring words of divine truth: The Lord is with you while ye be with him, and if ye seek him he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him he will forsake you! Draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto you. We fear that the apathy resting on our churches is connected with a spirit of worldliness, which eateth, as doth a canker worm the

life of piety. This spirit is rebuked by the apostle: "He that loveth the world, the love of the Father is not in him." At such a time Christians are often guilty of an unwarrantable reliance on divine sovereignty saying we must wait God's time for the return of his Spirit, for the revival of his work. God has not promised to do that for man which he can do for himself. "Is the withered hand to be healed? The man afflicted must stretch it forth. Is the blind to be cured? He must first go and wash in the pool of Siloam. Is the sick of the palsy to be recovered? He must take up his bed and walk. Are the lepers to be cleansed? They must first go and show themselves to the priest. Is there to be a great ingathering of souls on the Pentecost day? It must be preceded by a ten day's prayer-meeting. To cast upon the arm of the Almighty the labor properly imposed on us, is abusing the divine goodness. Human instrumentality is demanded in the work of human salvation. All are laborers together with God."

The churches whom we affectionately admonish have sinned in withholding a proper religious example, that others might see it and glorify their Father who is in heaven. To all the rest there is too much evidence that they have wrapped themselves in criminal contentment, because the spiritual dearth is so extensive, and that they are not farther from a state of religious prosperity than a multitude of others. To remove such evils, beloved friends, great and special efforts must be made. If we have sinned, by departing from our former love, by undervaluing the visits of the Comforter, by withholding proper religious light from the world, and indulging in fearful apathy, because religious declension is so general, if these are some of the more prominent causes of our present unfruitfulness, it is time to be alarmed, and cry mightily to God, lest we perish by the way when his wrath is kindled but a little. A great work is to be done before God can consistently restore us to his favor, and lift upon us the light of his salvation. In vain may we look to the pulpit for help. Our power to awaken the impenitent is much in the keeping of the Church. Amalek will continue to prevail until the hands of the ministry are held up by the Aarons and Hurs in the church. In vain is the ear of the Almighty invoked until iniquity is purged from the heart.

Let us not mistake our first duty: it is to wash our hearts from wickedness that we may be saved. There must be mourning in Jerusalem as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. This mourning must be personal, sincere. Each family in the household of faith should mourn apart, all the families apart, and their wives apart. We cannot conceive how God's moral government could be sustained, should he refresh our churches, without their previous repentance and deep humiliation for past transgression. Nothing short of this can fit them for the regenerating influences of the Holy Ghost. "Before honor is humility."

Brethren, we close our pastoral address by earnestly recommending seasons of private and public fasting and prayer, that God would be entreated to turn again our captivity, as the streams of the South. May God shortly bring us within the reach of the promise: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.—He that goeth forth weeping bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

PHINEHAS COOKE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New - Hampshire,

In account with A. BURNHAM, *Treasurer.*

CR.	By from Belknap Association,		$2 00
	Caledonia,	"	2 00
	Deerfield,	"	3 50
	Derry,	"	2 50
	Harmony,	"	9 00
	Hollis,	"	6 50
	Hopkinton,	"	6 00
	Monadnock,	"	9 00
	Orange,	"	0 00
	Piscataqua,	"	7 00
	Sullivan,	"	6 00
	Union,	"	4 50
			$58 00
	By balance last year,		12 02
			$70 02
DR.	To paid printer's Bill,	$35 00	
	To paid Rev. Mr. Barstow for postage,	15	$35 15
	Balance now in Treasury,		$34 87

A. BURNHAM, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WIDOW'S CHARITABLE FUND.

Their annual meeting was held in the North Church, Concord, June 7, 1848.

After hearing the Treasurer's report and adopting it, they proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and chose

Rev. N. Bouton, *President.*
Rev. A. Burnham, *Secretary.*
Hon. F. N. Fisk, *Treasurer.*
Rev. N. Bouton, and Hon. S. Morrill, *Auditors.*
Messrs. Bouton, Burnham and Fisk, *Executive Committee.*

After adjournment of the Trustees the Committee held their annual meeting, and made the following appropriations:

To Mrs. Hull,	$20 00
" " Pillsbury,	20 00
" " Thompson,	20 00
" " Nichols,	20 00
" " Dow,	20 00
	$100 00

A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

Pembroke, Aug. 15, 1848.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Alton,			1	8	9						1	1			
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804,	100	154	254		2	2	2		2	4			
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840,	19	34	53						1	1			
Gilmanton Centre,	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	59	84	143				5		4	9		3	3
" East,	Destitute.				73						2	2			
" Iron W.,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844,	45	77	122						2	2		3	3
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831,	58	135	193		3	3		1	5	6		1	1
" Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842,	29	53	82					1	1	2		3	3
Sanbornton,	A. Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806,	52	103	155		2	2	10		2	12		1	1
9 churches.	7 ministers.				1084		7	7	17	2	20	39		11	11

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Bethlehem,	Isaac Esty,	Stated supply.	10	18	28		2	2	2	1	1	4			
Franconia,	" "	" "	6	12	18										
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 15, 1842.	33	86	119		2	2	5			5		4	4
3 churches.	2 ministers.		49	116	165		4	4	7	1	1	9		4	4

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Chichester,	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845,	59	90	149	8	8	16	1		8	9	4	3	7
Deerfield,	Ephraim N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841,			116		1	1			4	4		2	2
Epsom,	Rufus A. Putnam,	May 5, 1847,	36	73	109	1	2	3	8		3	11			
Loudon,	Destitute.				*85										
Northwood,	do.				†115										
Nottingham,					5										
Pittsfield,	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845,	59	104	163	3		3	5		5	10		3	3
Raymond,	John C. Page,	Oct. 7, 1841.			146	2	11	13	1		1	2	5	2	7
8 churches.	5 ministers.				823	14	22	36	15		21	36	9	10	19

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Infts.	To.
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.	24	48	72		3	3			1	1		3	3
Auburn,	James Holmes,	" "	13	27	40		4	4						2	2
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	88	153	241		2	2			5	5		6	6
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.	85	108	193	8	3	11	6	3	3	12	2	7	9
Derry Village,	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837,	43	94	137		1	1	3	1	1	5		2	2
" Pres. church,	Edward L. Parker,	Sept. 12, 1810,	110	145	255		3	3	5			5		12	12
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct., 1837,	30	60	90	3	2	5	2		1	3	1	5	6
Pelham,	Eden B. Foster,	June 21, 1848,	30	64	94						4	4		4	4
Salem,	Daniel H. Babcock,	Stated supply.	13	35	48	2	5	7	2			2	1		1
Windham, Pres. ch.	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	62	90	152	4	2	6	1	1	4	6		7	7
10 churches.	10 ministers.				1392	17	25	42	19	5	19	43	4	48	52

Unsettled minister,—Rev. John Kelly, Hampstead.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Conway,	Vacant.		28	40	68				3		4	7	2	1	3
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1942,	24	51	75	7		7	2	2	1	5	2	1	3
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,	Feb. 1828,	36	43	79	1		1			1	1			
Ossipee,	Horace Wood,	Stated supply,	25	51	76				2		2	4	7	7	14
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845,	49	114	163	16	5	21	2		2	4			
Sandwich, 1st ch.	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1842,	26	54	80		1	1	2		2	4			
" 2d ch.	" " ½ time,		9	13	22								1		1
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,	June 14, 1843,	76	148	224	1	1	2	4		4	8			
Tuftonborough,	J. S. Winter, ¼ time,	Stated supply,	16	15	31	1		1	2			2			
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply,	14	31	45				4		1	5			
Effingham,	Vacant.		13	29	42										
Hebron and Groton,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply,	4	20	24										
			17	17	34										
Danbury,	Dan'l Pulcifer,	1844,	28	33	61										
Thornton,	Wm. P. Gale,	Jan. 1, 1848.	11	16	27									1	1
Wolfboro', 1st ch.	Jeffries Hall,	Stated supply,	16	47	63		2	2	3	2		5		2	2
" 2d ch.	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843,	21	37	58	2		2		1		1	2	8	10
16 churches.	13 ministers.		413	779	1182	28	9	37	24	5	17	46	14	20	34

Unsettled minister,—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To
Amherst,	J. G. Davis,	May 22, 1844,	87	198	285	2	5	7	5		6	11	1	3	4
Brookline,	D. Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1838,	26	53	79	1		1	1		1	2	1		1
Hollis,			73	130	203	1	5	6	3			3	1	4	5
Mason,	E. Hill,	Nov. 3, 1790,													
" Village,			26	46	72		1	1	2			2		1	1
Merrimack,	S. T. Allen,	May 22, 1839,	31	75	106	2	3	5			1	1	2	1	3
" Un. Ev.	S. H. Tolman,	Stated supply,			30				2			2			
Milford,	L. P. Kimball,	May 19, 1847,	96	169	265		2	5	3	2	1	6		2	2
Mont Vernon,	B. Smith,	Aug. 19, 1841,	54	119	173		1	1	2		2	4		3	3
Nashua, Olive st.	A. Richards,	April 6, 1836,			350	8	10	18	30		3	33	5	3	8
New Ipswich,	Sam'l Lee,	May 5, 1836,	125	221	346	4	3	7	4	2	5	11	1	5	6
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821,	90	158	248	2	4	6	1		2	3	1	6	7
Temple,	W. Follett,	July 25, 1844.	31	75	106	1		1			1	1		1	1
Wilton,	C. Whiting,	Jan. 4, 1843,	44	65	109		5	5	3			3		4	4
14 churches.	12 ministers.				2372	21	39	60	56	4	22	82	12	33	45

Unsettled ministers,—Rev. Humphrey Moore, Milford; Rev. Leonard Jewett, Hollis; Rev. J. W. Shepherd, Nashua.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843,	6	12	18		2	2			1	1			
Boscawen, East,	Caleb Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837,			*250										
" West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837,	56	97	153	4		4	4		3	7		10	10
Bradford,					†119										
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842,	29	56	85										
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843,	54	95	149		3	3	1			1			
Concord, 1si,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1845,	65	184	294	4	2	6	7		3	10	3	2	5
" West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 24, 1833,			*220										
" South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1887,	63	133	196	2	3	5			1	1	2	13	15
" East,	Winthrop Fifield,	March 24, 1847,	37	75	112	1		1	1		2	3		2	2
Franklin,	Isaac Knight,	Sept. 27, 1837.	22	69	91		2	2	2	3	1	6			
Henniker,	no rep't for last 4 y'rs														
Hill,	John LeBosquet,	April 27, 1843,	12	40	52					1	1	2			
Hopkinton,	Edwin Jennison,	Jan. 6, 1847,			246	2	4	6	11		2	13		1	1
Loudon Village,	no rep't for last 4 y'rs.														
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808,	35	110	145	1	2	3	2	1	4	7	1	2	3
Salisbury,	Destitute.		6	12	18	2	6	8	3		5	8	6	4	10
Sanbornton bridge and Northfield,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843,	34	73	107	1		1	5			5	1	2	3
Warner,	R. W. Fuller.	June 10, 1846.	42	48	90	1	4	5	3		3	6	2		2
Wilmot,	Nathan Howard,		9	16	25	2	1	3			2	2			
20 churches.	16 ministers.				2370	20	29	49	39	5	28	72	15	36	51

Unsettled ministers,—E. Price; Wm. Patrick; B. P. Stone; H. Wood.

* Last year's report. † Report of 1845.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Bedford, Pres. ch.	Thomas Savage,	1826,			150		1	1	1		3	4		2	2
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830,	37	104	141		1	1	1		3	4			
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837,	42	67	109				1		3	4		1	1
Hooksett,	John Lawrence,	Stated supply,	9	36	45	3	8	11	2		1	3	1	3	4
Hudson,	Wm. Page,	Aug. 14, 1844,			80		2	2			1	1			
Litchfield, Pres. ch.,	Wm. H. Porter,	Oct. 20, 1845,	9	11	20	1		1			1	1			
Londonderry, Pres.,	T. G. Brainerd,	Nov. 5, 1840,			*207		3	3		1	3	4		6	6
Manchester, 1st ch.,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 1840,	75	157	232	5	24	29	14			14	1	5	6
" Franklin st.	H. M. Dexter,	Nov. 6, 1844,	50	84	134	5	41	46	7		1	8	1	10	11
Nashua, 1st ch.,	Destitute.				500			25	16	1	2	19			
" Pearl st. ch.	Leonard Swain,	1846,	40	82	122	14	33	47	8		1	9	5	8	13
11 churches.	10 ministers.				1740	28	113	166	50	2	19	71	8	35	43

Unsettled ministers,—J. L. Seymour; W. Richardson; J. Jones; S. Lamson. *30 of these are non-residents.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To
Bath,	E. Cleaveland,	July 31, 1844,	32	58	90						6	6		3	3
Canaan,			13	29	42										
Haverhill,	M. C. Searle,	Stated supply,	28	126	154	4	5	9	6		6	12	1	5	6
" North,	S. Delano,	Stated supply,	7	11	18		3	3	1		1	2			
Lyme,	E. Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831,	146	268	414	3	5	8	7		3	10	1	3	4
Orford, E.*	D. Campbell,	Stated supply,	48	44	*92						3	3			
" W.	Wm. Clark,	Stated supply,	21	60	24										
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply,	40	80	120				1		1	2			
Wentworth,	J. S. Davis,		15	34	47		1	1			2	2			
9 churches.	7 ministers.				1058	7	14	21	15		22	37	2	11	13

* Of these, 40 are non-residents.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Alstead,	Robert Crossett,	May 3, 1843,	25	60	85	3	1	4	2	5		7	1	5	6
" New,	James W Perkins,	Oct. 26, 1847,	35	59	94	25	3	28	7	1	4	12	7	2	9
" P. Mill Vil.	Seth S. Arnold,	Stated supply,	17	32	49	2	7	9					2		2
Chesterfield,	W. A. Patten,	Stated supply,	16	50	66										
Dublin,	Henry A. Kendall.	Oct. 21, 1840,	13	31	44				1			1		3	3
Fitzwilliam,	Abraham Jenkins,	Feb. 16, 1348,	69	131	190	2	4	6	1		3	4	1	3	4
Gilsum,	James Tisdale,	Stated supply,	13	31	44	2		2			1	1	2		2
Harrisville,	Jeremiah Pomeroy,	Stated supply,	23	34	57				4		2	6			
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould,	Oct. 30, 1844,	46	60	106		2	2	8	2		10			
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, Dec. 10, 1782 / Leonard Lenney, Mar. 19, 1845		49	128	177	4		4	4		3	7	3	2	5
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818,	68	230	298	3	5	8	7	1	5	13		21	21
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply,	30	67	97		3	3	1		2	3			
Nelson,	Daniel L. French,	Nov. 4, 1841,			115				7			7		3	3
Roxbury,	Ezra Adams,	Stated supply,	13	23	36				1		1	2		1	1
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson, D.D.	Jan. 5, 1803,			60		2	2			2	2		2	2
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1845,	28	56	84		1	1	2		1	3		3	3
Surry,	Destitute.		3	18	21										
Swanzy,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 16, 1836,	21	50	71				3		2	5		2	2
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845,	23	51	74				2		3	5			
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow,	Aug. 6, 1845,	34	91	125	6	5	11	3		2	5	3	7	10
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply,	36	104	140										
Winchester,	John P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847,	64	144	208	1	3	4	8		4	12		9	9
22 churches.	22 ministers.				2241	48	36	84	61	9	35	105	19	63	82

Unsettled minister,—Gad Newell, Nelson.

* Last year's report.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845,	19	32	51						2	2		7	7
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841,	23	54	77									4	4
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, 1845,	79	281	*360	2	6	8	2		8	10	1	4	5
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833,	14	59	73										
Epping,	Enoch Corser,	Stated supply,	9	28	†37										
Exeter, 1st church,	R. D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, 1825,	46	89	135				9		5	14			
" 2d do	Isaac Hurd, S. D. Dexter,	Sept. 11, 1817 } 1847, }	22	86	108	24	8	32	2		3	5	4		4
Farmington,	Benja. G. Willey,	Stated supply,	9	15	24						1	1		2	2
Greenland,	Edwin Holt,	1848,	10	34	44		3	3	1			1			
Hampton,	E. D. Eldredge,	April 4, 1838,	61	127	188	2	2	4	2		7	9	1	1	2
Kingston,	John Smith,	July 26, 1848.	17	44	61	4	1	5	2		3	5			
Milton,	James Doldt,	Stated supply,	30	61	91						1	1			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply,	9	21	30						1	1			
Newington,	Destitute.		1	6	7						1	1			
Newmarket,	E. C. Cogswell,	Stated supply,	35	63	‡98										
North Hampton,	Jonathan French,	Nov. 18, 1801,	61	98	159	1		1							
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clark,	Nov. 16, 1842,			335	12	7	19	2		6	8	6	4	10
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, 1843,	19	83	102									2	2
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847,	37	79	116	1	2	3			3	3	1		1
Seabrook & H. Falls	Sereno T. Abbot,	July 12, 1837,	28	52	80	1		1	3		2	5	1	3	4
Somersw'th Gt. F'ls,	Jas. T. McCollum,	Oct. 2, 1844,	33	90	123	1	5	6	6		1	7	1	2	3
do Salmon Falls,	Sam'l J. Spaulding,	Oct. 28, 1846,	23	32	55	7	11	18					4		4
South New Market,	Destitute.				20				1		2	3			
Stratham,	Wm. J. Newman,	Nov. 2, 1836,	19	36	55	1	1	2	2		2	4	1	3	4
24 churches.	23 ministers.				2329	56	46	102	32		48	80	20	32	52

*100 members of the church in Dover are non-residents. † From last year's report. ‡ Report of 1846.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846,	72	114	186	23	1	24	3		3	6	7	8	15
Charlestown,	J. De F. Richards,	May 28, 1841,	20	46	66	1		1		2		2		2	2
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839,	70	134	204	4	4	8	6		2	8	3	3	6
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835,	34	57	91				3		1	4		1	1
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply,	33	50	83					1	2	3			
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D.D.	April 20, 1842,	93	151	244	4	7	11	15		4	19	1	3	4
Enfield,	Destitute.		11	16	27									2	2
Hanover Centre,	do				128										
Goshen,	Abel Manning,	Stated supply,	23	30	53										
Langdon,	John Wood,	April 3, 1846,	11	19	30									2	2
Lebanon,	Destitute.		42	90	132		1	1	3			3			
Lempster, 1st chh.	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846,	34	52	86				6		3	9		2	2
" 2d "	Destitute,		15	15	*30						3	3			
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840,			†64										
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 23, 1834,	73	124	197		1	1	5		5	10		8	8
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply,	9	30	39	2	2	4			1	1	1		1
Unity,	Destitute,				13										
Washington,	J. F. Griswold,	Stated supply,	8	24	32						1	1			
18 churches.	13 ministers.				1765	34	16	56	41	3	25	69	12	31	43

Unsettled ministers,—Prof. Charles B. Haddock, David Kimball, Hanover; John Walker, Claremont; Phinehas Cook, Amherst, Ms.; Aaron Wait, Jr., Andover.

Licentiates,—A. Wood and C. S. Richards, Meriden.

* 10 of whom are non-residents.

† Last year's report.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Antrim, Presb'n,	J. M. Whiton, D. D.,	Sept. 22, 1808.	50	125	175	1	5	6	2		7	9		2	2
Bennington,	Albert Manson,	Nov. 3, 1841,	20	40	60	1		1		3		3	1	3	4
Deering,	E. Burt,	Stated supply,	15	38	53									7	7
Francestown,	Jonathan McGee,	Aug. 16, 1843,			375	2	1	3	4		5	9		5	5
Greenfield, Ev. ch.	D. P. Smith,	May 8, 1845,	30	101	131	2		2	1			1		6	6
do Cong'l ch.	N. Emerson,	Stated supply,	21	46	71	2	2	4			1	1	1	3	4
Hancock,	Archibald Burgess,	Dec., 1842,	75	130	205				4		4	8		5	5
Hillsboro' Centre,	Robert Paige,	Stated supply,	34	53	87	1	1	2	1		4	5		4	4
Hillsboro' Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843,	21	42	63	3		3	5		1	6	2	12	14
Lyndeboro'	E. B. Claggett,	1846,	55	93	148	1	6	7	5		3	8		6	6
New Boston, Presb.,	E. M. Kellogg,	June 25, 1846.	53	115	168	1	4	5	14		2	16		8	8
Peterborough do	Henry J. Lamb,	July 14, 1847,			160	2	10	12						4	4
12 churches.	12 ministers.				1696	16	29	45	36	3	27	66	4	65	69

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When Settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			M's.	Fe's.	Tot.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	24	38	62				3		2	5		5	5
Dalton,	Destitute.				33				7		1	8			
Lancaster,	Stephen A. Barnard,	Stated supply,			74	2		2	2			2			
Whitefield,	Destitute.				18	1		1							
4 churches.	2 ministers.				187	3		3	12		3	15		5	5

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.	Pastors.	Stated supplies.	Destitute Churches.	Ministers without charge.	Communicants.	Additions in 1847.			Removals in 1847.				Baptisms.		
							Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	T.	Ad'ts.	Inf'ts.	To.
Belknap,	9	7		2		1084		7	7	17	2	20	39		11	11
Caledonia,	3	1	1			165		4	4	7	1	1	9		4	4
Deerfield,	8	5		3		888	14	22	36	15		21	36	9	10	19
Derry,	10	7	3		1	1322	17	25	42	19	5	19	43	4	48	52
Harmony,	16	8	5	1	1	1182	28	9	37	24	5	17	46	14	20	34
Hollis,	14	11	1	2	3	2372	21	39	60	56	4	22	82	12	33	45
Hopkinton,	20	16		4	4	2370	20	29	49	39	5	28	72	15	36	51
Lancaster,	4		2	2		187	3		3	12		3	15		5	5
Manchester,	11	9	1	1	4	1740	28	113	166	50	2	19	71	8	35	43
Monadnock,	22	15	7	1	1	2241	48	36	84	61	9	35	105	19	63	82
Orange,	9	2	5	1		1058	7	14	21	15		22	37	2	11	13
Piscataqua,	24	18	5	2		2329	56	46	102	32		48	80	20	32	52
Sullivan,	18	9	4	5	7	1705	34	16	50	41	3	25	69	12	31	43
Union,	12	9	3			1606	16	29	45	36	3	27	66	4	65	69
14 Associations.	180	117	37	24	21	20,339	292	389	706	424	39	307	770	119	404	523

It will be seen from the above summary that the Congregational Church in New Hampshire, diminished *sixty-four* members during the past year.

NOTE.—It is believed by the Publishing Committee that these returns are more accurate and full than usual. When they were placed in our hands for publication, we found that nearly *forty* churches out of one hundred and eighty, were unreported, and particularly that in the Hopkinton Association—only *six* out of twenty churches were reported. Believing that whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well, we addressed letters to the delinquents, and have now the satisfaction of giving returns of recent date from all the churches but *three*, and returns for the *present year*, from all except *twelve*.

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OF

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MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE met at the Congregational Meeting House in Plymouth on Tuesday, August 28, 1849, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. THOMAS SAVAGE, from Exbdus iv. 14, "Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well."

The following delegates from District Associations and Corresponding Bodies were present.

Belknap Association,	Rev. Messrs.	A. Bodwell and Rufus Childs.
Caledonia	"	Rev. E. I. Carpenter.
Deerfield	"	Rev. O. Holmes.
Derry	"	Rev. P. B. Day.
Harmony	"	none.
Hollis	"	Rev. Messrs. H. Moore, B. Smith, and J. W. Shepard.
Hopkinton	"	Rev. Messrs. Corban Curtice, H. Moody, R. W. Fuller, and N. Howard.
Lancaster	"	Rev. S. A. Barnard.
Manchester	"	Rev. Messrs. I. Willey, and C. W. Wallace.
Orange	"	Rev. Wm. Clarke.
Monadnock	"	Rev. Messrs. J. W. Perkins, and H. A. Kendall.
Piscataqua	"	Rev. Messrs. J. Ward, R. W. Clark, J. T. McCollom, and S. T. Abbott.
Sullivan,	"	Rev. Messrs. Jacob Scales, J. DeF. Richards, and A. Spaulding.
Union	"	Rev. Messrs. J. M. Whiton, D. D., and Robert Page.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIO.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., *Secretary*.
Rev. A. Burnham, *Treasurer*.
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, *Minister of the place*.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, (old school,) Rev. Thomas L. Janeway.
do do do (new school,) none.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. E. W. Bullard.
do do Connecticut, none.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Amos Foster.
General Conference of Maine, none.
General Consociation of Rhode Island, none.
General Associations of New York and Michigan, none.

Rev. W. Salter, delegate from General Association of Iowa, detained at New York, sent kind salutations.

Rev. John M. Whiton, D. D., was chosen Moderator; Rev. Messrs. Jacob Scales, Scribe, and Isaac Willey, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Standing Rules were read by the Secretary.

Rev. Messrs. J. DeF. Richards, Bezaleel Smith, and Wm. R. Jewett were chosen a committee of nominations and overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Robert Page, Humphrey Moore, D. D., R. W. Fuller, Thomas L. Janeway, and Amos Foster were appointed to take notes and prepare a report on the state of religion.

Voted to meet at half past one, P. M., and at eight, A. M.

Adjourned to half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

Heard the report of Rev. Mr. Stone, respecting the printing and sale of Mr. Bouton's sermon before the Association last year, and Messrs. J. T. McCollom and Isaac Willey were appointed to report on the business remaining unfinished. They reported, that it is expedient for the Association to assume the debt for printing the sermon, to allow the author twenty additional copies, and distribute the remainder among the District Associations in proportion to the taxes paid. Their report was accepted and adopted.

Voted, that the Treasurer distribute the remaining copies, and pay the debt.

Rev. Messrs. Jonathan French, E. L. Parker, A. W. Burnham, N. Bouton, Nathan Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., A. Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, and E. W. Clark, were appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates going abroad.

Heard the report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund; and voted to renew the recommendation, that every minister pay one dollar to that fund, to be collected and paid over by those who collect the taxes in the several Associations.

Voted, a tax of fifty cents on each member, and chose Rev. A. Burnham, Treasurer, and N. Bouton, Auditor.

Chose Rev. Messrs. A. Burnham, R. W. Clark, and C. W. Wallace to report on the place for meeting next year; who reported Great Falls, Somersworth, as the place.

Voted that Orange Association furnish a preacher of the opening sermon.

Appointed Rev. John Smith to preach the communion sermon next year, and Rev. Robert Page to be his substitute.

Chose Rev. A. Richards and Rev. T. Savage to prepare the Pastoral Address.

The Narratives on the State of Religion in the District Associations, and in Corresponding Bodies were read by the several delegates.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday Morning, August 29.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted to allow the Agents of the several Benevolent Societies ten minutes each for addresses. Heard their addresses.

Whereas kind and friendly intercourse between different Evangelical bodies is exceedingly desirable,

Therefore voted, that the Secretary of this Association be instructed to express to the "General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States," our deep Christian sympathy, and to request that body to open a fraternal correspondence with us by an interchange of delegates or otherwise. A letter from that church was read and referred to Rev. Messrs. McCollom and Curtice, who reported the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, that the Editor of the Congregational Journal be requested to publish the plan of Union proposed by the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Association it is desirable that pastors should make renewed and contiuued efforts to increase the devotional character of the singing in the religious exercises of the Sabbath.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday Morning, August 30.

Met according to adjournment.

Accepted and adopted the report of the committee nominating delegates to Foreign Bodies.

Primaries.	Substitutes.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (old school,)	
Rev. R. F. Lawrence,	Rev. Benjamin P. Stone.
do do	(new school,)
Rev. C. W. Wallace,	Rev. Isaac Willey.
To the General Association of Connecticut,	
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett,	Rev. C. Whiting.
To the General Association of Massachusetts,	
Rev. Jonathan French,	Rev. Homer Barrows.
To the General Convention of Vermont,	
Rev. Alvah Spaulding,	Rev. E. K. Barstow.
To the General Conference of Maine,	
Rev. A. Bodwell,	Rev. J. T. McCollom.
To the General Association of Michigan,	
Rev. E. D. Eldridge,	Rev. Bezaleel Smith.
To the General Association of Michigan and Iowa,	
Rev. E. M. Kellogg,	Rev. Moses Gerould.
To the General Consociation of Rhode Island,	
Rev. Enoch Corser,	Rev. Samuel Lee.
To the General Association of New York,	
Rev. E. S. Wright,	E. I. Carpenter.
To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in U. S. A.	
Rev. John Richards, D. D.	Rev. C. B. Haddock, D. D.

To the Free Church in Scotland, the Congregational Union of Scotland, and the Congregational Union of England and Wales,

Rev. Rufus W. Clark.

Heard and accepted the report on the state of Religion, by R. Page.

Heard and accepted the Pastoral Address by J. DeF. Richards.

An overture was received from Union Association, relative to the existence of slavery in some of the mission churches of the A. B. C. F. M. The following resolutions were therefore considered and adopted.

1. We deeply deplore the existence of slavery in any of the churches connected with our missions, and hope that the evil may speedily be renounced and removed.

2. We approve of the recent action of the Prudential Committee in the case, and have great confidence in the intelligence and wisdom of the Board, that they will pursue such a course as shall be best suited to the interests of those churches, and as shall result in the final removal of slavery from them.

Voted, that the thanks of this Association be presented to the church and people of Plymouth for their hospitality, and to the choir of singers for their acceptable services.

Voted, that when the delegate and substitute to any foreign body are prevented from fulfilling their appointment, they are authorized to appoint another; and their certificate of his appointment shall authorize him to attend in the place and perform the duties of the delegate.

Voted, that the Scribe be the committee to publish the Minutes, and that five hundred copies be printed.

Voted to adjourn *sine die* after the sermon and the Communion season.

Rev. Daniel J. Noyes preached from John i. 36. "Behold the Lamb of God." And the Communion was administered by Rev. Messrs. Amos Foster and Jacob Scales.

JOHN M. WHITON, *Moderator.*

JACOB SCALES, *Scribe.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In presenting another report on the state of Religion within the bounds of the General Association, we lament that there is not more to cheer the hearts of the friends of Zion.

Few, from the world, have been inclined to "come to the solemn feasts." The returns are very imperfect; but from what we have, we learn the additions to the churches have been fifty-six more than the removals. We have been anxiously looking, from year to year, to see a greater increase. We have been eager to welcome the time when, on these heights of Zion, we could feast the eye, in every direction through the State, with gardens filled with the "trees of righteousness," the recent "planting of the Lord." But the time has not come; and "hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

And the state of feeling in the churches gives no great reason to expect the speedy coming of that day. Could we see a general "lamenting after the Lord"—a disposition to say one to another, "Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of Hosts"—the feeling of the prophet on the mountain, praying, and sending his servant continually to look for signs of rain coming up from the sea—we should have hope that the time was near. But it is not so. The place of the weekly prayer-meeting is frequented by but few. The general report is, that prayer-meetings are thin. And if God is not generally "inquired of by the house of Israel," they have no reason to expect that He will pour out his Spirit, and "build up Zion." And if He withholds his Spirit, his people will depart still farther from him, and the evils of backsliding will be multiplied.

We regret to learn that a practical disregard of the covenant, by a neglect of the *baptism of children* on the part of members of the church, is becoming more common. And we hope that those who have hitherto neglected will come to see so clearly both the Divine authority and the privilege of this ordinance, that they will not be willing to withhold it from those who, as well as the parents, are included in the covenant of God with his church.

As to immorality in the community, the reports of the different Associations are not so particular and full as to authorize us to make very positive assertions respecting the State, as a whole. Judging from the facts we have, we fear, that one vice, viz. that of *intemperance*, has been fortifying its position that it may be driven no farther back. While the cause of temperance has, in some places, gone forward, in others,—and among these some of the largest towns—it seems to have been going back. And we would inquire whether the time has not come for ministers to take hold of the subject anew, and press it with the solemn sanctions of the gospel. The gospel is God's appointed instrument to *reform*, as well as to *save* the world. If this is despised, or neglected, God will put to shame all who attempt to reform the vicious, or to convert the impenitent.

Another cause of trial is, the removal and sickness of ministers. Two, Rev. Messrs. Kelly and Harris, have been removed by death. They were aged, indeed, and had no pastoral charge. But the loss of the prayers and example of the aged ambassadors of Christ is a *great* loss. There have been nine dismissions of ministers; and as many as eight others—perhaps more—have left their fields of labor. This is a larger number, so far as we have knowledge, than have entered into new fields of labor. On quite a number the hand of the Lord has been laid, and they have been, by sickness or feeble health, taken off from their labors. A part of these have little prospect of entering again into the active duties of the ministry.

But, amid all the darkness and trials, there are also causes of gratitude and encouragement.

The constant preaching of the gospel is enjoyed by most of the churches.

The Assembly's Catechism is loved more strongly, the more this best uninspired compendium of doctrine is known, and used in Sabbath Schools.

The number of those who attend the public worship of God on the Sabbath in this State is increasing.

There seems to be a growing interest in the Sabbath School. Greater numbers attend Summer and Winter, and sound doctrinal instruction is increasing.

On the whole, there seems to be an increasing interest in the cause of benevolence.

Several new houses of worship have been erected; two new congregations have risen up in Fishersville, and one church has been organized, and another may be, in that growing village.

Another thing which cheers our hearts is, the prospective religious improvement of our College. The appointment to the Professorship of Divinity of one of our brethren,* in whose piety, soundness of faith, and literary and theological attainments we have so much confidence, increases our hope respecting the spiritual interests of that Institution. And we entreat the ministers and churches through the State, to pray that the Divine Spirit may bless this new instrumentality, and sanctify the students by his grace, that they may go forth, in increasing numbers, to fill up the ministry, and to bless the church.

But there is yet another cause of gratitude more inspiring than any. The converting influences of the Spirit have been, to some extent, granted. In Nelson, Lebanon, Orford West, Portsmouth, Candia, Chester, Mason Village, Rindge, Nashua, Concord, Raymond, and some other places there have been dews of grace, and some conversions. Something like thirty in two of these places, and forty in another are the professed subjects of grace; and in another between fifty and sixty have united with the church. In some of the places named strong hopes are entertained that a richer blessing will soon be granted. For these influences of the Spirit of God we have special reason to praise his name, and to take encouragement to seek Him by earnest prayer for a more general and copious rain.

From the Green Mountains some refreshing breezes have come to us, and some pure and sparkling streams are flowing down their sides.

The spirit of the Pilgrims still loves to dwell in their chosen State, and those pious and far-seeing men live again all over that State, marching in the van of that nation of 20,000,000, which has derived its institutions, and character, and in great part its numbers from the 101, who first set their feet on the Rock of Plymouth.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (old school,) we rejoice to hear that the Lord has increased their ministers to 1860, and their church members to 200,000; and that there is such a spirit of vigorous life in that extended church, providing so liberally for the education of the young, for the support of aged ministers, and for the conversion of the world.

And from the youngest member of the sisterhood in correspondence with us—represented here by letter of her Delegate—viz. Iowa, we are greatly cheered to hear that she is growing so fast, and bids fair to become one of the most healthful, strong and beautiful of the whole family of our American Zion.

In behalf of the Committee,

R. PAGE.

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* Rev. DANIEL J. NOYES, Concord.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

BELOVED BRETHREN,—Being once more convened, on the Anniversary of our Association, our hearts incline us, respectfully to address you in a few words of counsel and admonition.

Feeling deeply solicitous for your spiritual welfare, and for the salvation of the multitudes among us who have no hope, and are without God in the world, allow us to call your attention to the importance of *higher attainments in personal piety and devotion.*

We wish to be understood, as addressing you, not merely in your associated capacity as churches, but individually, as private members of the household of faith. There is no such thing as conventional piety, or religion held by a church in common. It is not in the power of any church to impart a religious character to those who compose it. But the character of a church is made up by a combination of the characters of all its members. Hence we cannot depend on the church to *make* our religion; but our religion makes the church what it is. The church cannot sanctify and save us; but we, by our devout and godly living, must elevate and sanctify the church. The order and efficiency of every church will always bear an exact ratio to the elevation of piety in its individual members. Are they humble, united, self-denying and active—keeping the flame always bright and glowing upon the altars of their devotion? On such a church God will smile with complacency, and prosper them in all their spiritual interests. But, are they contentious and worldly, undevout and selfish? With such the Heavenly Spirit deigns not to dwell; and, in the righteous displeasure of Jesus Christ they are forsaken and given over to reap the just rewards of their own doings.

One sinner in the church destroys much good. And one righteous, godly man prevents much evil, and may cause infinite blessings to the world. Whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue in the churches, they have their origin in *individual* piety.

Allow us, therefore, brethren, affectionately and earnestly to entreat you to look well to your personal experience as christians. Carefully compare your religious life with the high and strict requirements of the gospel of Christ, and the examples of primitive christians. Be sure that your piety is *genuine*, and that you possess it to an elevated degree.

True piety does not consist in a compliance with any religious rites. It is not merely negative in its character—an exemption from every thing that is absolutely evil. It is the possession of much that is positively good. It is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a heart right in the sight of God. It is the spirit of obedience to the divine will. It is a life of usefulness in devotion to the worship of God.

Piety, wherever it exists, shrinks not from observation. It is not a light to be put under a bushel. It is to stand erect, and *shine* for the good of others. In whatever heart it is implanted, it will develop itself. It will effect a radical change in the whole spiritual nature of the man, making him a new creature—essentially different from his former self, and from the unconverted world of mankind. Therefore it is that inspiration has denominated christians servants of God, "a peculiar people," "*zealous of good works.*" This is what is to distinguish them from all others.

What must we think therefore, of those, even in the judgment of the broadest charity, whose names are in the church, and who appear at the communion, but who seem to be undevout, worldly, and prayerless like other men. If a man cannot show his religion in his life, it is but fair to conclude that he has none.

If we possess the spirit of genuine piety, it will be our *pleasure* to know and do the will of God. Thus are we to make good our profession, and show to the world the difference between those who serve God, and those who serve him not. Let your piety be *manifested* by a ready and cheerful obedience to all the precepts and injunctions of the gospel. Let it sanctify all your relations in life. Let it modify and chasten all your transactions of business, and all your intercourse with the world.

Enter therefore into your closets, and there hold communion with Christ till you are transformed into his image, and partake largely of his spirit; then go into the world, and by your sacred regard for justice and integrity, your cheerful and happy temper, your candor and liberality, your uncomplaining acquiescence in the allotments of God's providence, and by your uncompromising adherence to truth and duty, exhibit the power, and divine excellence of the religion you profess. Thus may you do more by your combined example and influence to recommend the religion of the gospel, and to stop the mouths of gainsayers, than all the arguments of the learned, or even the preaching of the pulpit.

Next to private, personal piety is *domestic* religion. This is its offspring and will necessarily result from its existence. Where might we expect a manifestation of religion, if not in the family? Never does devotion appear more precious and lovely, or more in its appropriate sphere than around the family altar. How delightful is the exercise of worship there and how manifold are its blessings? We would most earnestly exhort you, brethren, daily, morning and evening, to call your families together and read the word of God, then in humble, fervent prayer, commend them to the God of mercy. How high and sacred is the privilege! Need any be urged to the performance of this religious duty? It would seem that a moderate share of piety would ensure this. We cannot believe that any of you, who are at the head of a family, can be justified by your own conscience, or at the bar of God your final judge, in the neglect of this duty.

Next to yourself, dedicate your *household* to God. How delightful is the thought, that our children may be brought with us into the sacred enclosures of God's everlasting covenant. We believe that the devotion of our children to God in the significant rite of baptism is a sacred duty, which cannot be set aside or neglected with impunity. We are pained to discover evidence of the degeneracy of the churches. Parents do not feel, as our fathers did, the value and sacredness of this ordinance of God. And is not this one of the reasons why we do not experience his presence and smiles as in former years? We mourn the absence of revivals. Our children grow up, but are not gathered into the churches. And have we not reason to expect this, so long as we refuse to devote them to God according to his requirement? Can we furnish evidence of our own piety while we live in the neglect of God's ordinances? Can we expect the salvation of our children while we voluntarily withhold them from the blessings of the covenant?

Let your piety appear in the religious government and instruction of your families. When you have dedicated your children to God in the solemn and interesting rite of infant consecration, regard this as a most sacred promise that you will train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Like Abraham, *command* your children and your households after you in all things that are well pleasing to God. By a strict and wholesome

discipline, restrain them from the ways of evil. Teach them *obedience* to parental authority, and when they grow up to years of responsibility, they will the more readily submit to the authority of God. *Educate* them for Christ and the church. Carefully and perseveringly inculcate on their tender minds the precepts and doctrines of the Gospel. And to aid you in this duty, we can recommend no better system of religious truth than the shorter catechism of the Westminster Assembly, which has improved in the estimation of the church, by the experience of more than two hundred years. We should rejoice to see the good old practice of our fathers in religious and catechetical instruction, revived in all your families.

Again, endeavor to promote the peace and order of the church. There are in the system of nature, it is said, *repelling* forces. But it is not so in the system of our religion. Its *nature* is to draw together and unite such elements as might otherwise be discordant. Such is the tendency and influence of genuine piety. It is peaceful. It is harmonious. In the healthful exercise of it, it blends our hearts in sympathy and in love. If therefore we ever witness discord or divisions in any church, we know they arise from the want of piety.

Be entreated then in all your relations to the church and in all your intercourse with your brethren, exhibit the spirit and temper of Christ. Possess largely that *charity*, which beareth all things and is not easily provoked. Cheerfully submit yourselves to the order and judgment of the church. Follow after the things which make for peace, and the things wherewith one may edify another. Strive together to build up the temple of the Lord.

Finally, brethren, live consistently with your profession. Scrupulously fulfil the covenant vows you have made with God. Put on your religion as a garment, and wear it as your every-day apparel. In all the concerns of life, exhibit the beauty of holiness. Keep eternity in view and that account you must render at the judgment seat. Death will soon terminate all our earthly labors. The great destroyer is still doing his appropriate work. He seems not content with the ordinary means for the destruction of human life, but has called in to his aid the pestilence which walketh in darkness. Many have been hurried out of life, without warning, or a moment's time to make ready for their departure. None can tell the hour of his approach. We are never safe but in God's hands, and while we are in the performance of our duty. How solemnly are we admonished, to *prove* ourselves, whether we be in the faith. Who is prepared to give account of himself unto God? Blessed are they, who in the last conflict with death, shall hear their Savior speaking to them, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Agreeably to the Constitution of the Widows' Charitable Fund, the Trustees of said Fund make to your venerable body their Annual Report:

Our Annual Meeting was held in the North Church, at Concord, June 6, 1849.

After hearing and accepting the Treasurer's Report, the following officers were elected.

Rev. N. BOUTON, *President.*

Rev. A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

Hon. F. N. FISK, *Treasurer.*

Rev. N. BOUTON and Hon. S. MORRIL, *Auditors.*

Rev. N. BOUTON, A. BURNHAM, and Hon. F. N. FISK, *Executive Committee.*

And then, upon suitable testimonials, voted to receive Widow Lucretia D. Burge on to our list of Beneficiaries.

Contribution after the sermon, was - - - $11,55.

Adjourned, sine die. A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

The Executive Committee then held their Annual meeting, and appropriated

To Mrs. Pillsbury,	$20,00	To Mrs. Hull,	$20,00
Mrs. Thompson,	20,00	Mrs. Dow,	20,00
Mrs. Burge,	20,00	Mrs. Clary,	20,00
		Mrs. Nichols,	20,00

should the Committee, on inquiry, find it necessary. Amounting to $140,00.

As a specimen of the grateful emotions with which this sacred charity is received by our beneficiaries, take the following brief note, addressed to our President, with the receipt for her appropriation.

KINGSTON, FULTON COUNTY, N. Y., June 21, 1849.

REV. MR. BOUTON,

DEAR SIR,—I received your kind letter in due time with the enclosed twenty dollars. I desire to be very humble, and grateful to the Trustees, and all the beloved donors of the Widows' Charitable Fund, for so precious a gift. Also would I acknowledge with deepest gratitude the continued kindness of my Heavenly Father towards my bereaved family. His goodness has been in an especial manner manifested unto us. When our way has seemed dark and impenetrable as to the future, God, in his rich mercy, has lighted up our path before us. We would ascribe all the praise unto Him. Never will our kind friends and benefactors be forgotten by the Widows and orphans at the throne of grace.

Our earliest and latest prayer will ever be, that God will reward them with the richest of heaven's blessings while on earth, and in Heaven give them crowns of unfading glory at His right hand.

Very respectfully, yours,

RUTH B. THOMPSON.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

A. BURNHAM, *Secretary.*

Pembroke, August, 1849.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Meredith Bridge,	John H. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	56	128	184		3	3	3		6	9		1	1
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	43	74	117				4		1	5			
Gilmanton East,	William Cogswell, D. D.	Stated supply.			71				1		1	2			
Gilmanton Centre,	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	54	82	136	1		1	5		5	10	1	4	5
Sanbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	50	99	149				3		3	6		1	1
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	19	33	52		3	3	2		2	4		1	1
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	29	51	80						1	1			
Loudon 1st church,	Edward F. Abbot,	Stated supply.			60	1		1	1	3	3	7		1	1
Alton,			1	7	8										
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 20, 1804.				7	5	12							
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	48	120	168	7	5	12			7	7	1	4	5
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	23	47	70	3		3	6		2	8	3	3	6
12	11				1095			35				59			20

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Bethlehem, } Franconia, }	Isaac Esty,	Stated supply.	10	17	27						1	1			
			6	11	17				1			1		2	2
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 15, 1842.	32	85	117				2			2		2	2
3	2		48	113	161							4			4

Rev. Drury Fairbank of Littleton and Rev. David Sutherland of Bath, without charge.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms· Ad.	In.	To
Chichester,	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845.	54	86	140					1	7	8		6	6
Deerfield,	E. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841.			96				2		4	6		2	2
Epsom,	R. A. Putnam,														
Loudon,	Edward F. Abbott,	Stated supply.													
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Stated supply.	33	50	83						2	2			
Nottingham,					5										
Pittsfield,	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.			161	2	1	3	4		1	5	1	8	9
Raymond,	J. C. Page,	Oct. 7, 1841.			140	15		15							
8	7		81	136	625	17		18	6	1	14	21	1	16	17

Unsettled Ministers—Josiah Carpenter, Chichester; Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield; Josiah Prentice, Northwood.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To	Baptisms· Ad.	In.	To
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.													
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Stated supply.	15	29	44	1	4	8			1	1		2	2
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	114	180	294	53	5	58	1		4	5	24	4	28
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.	90	114	204	12	6	18	2	1	4	7	7	7	14
Derry Village,	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837.	43	92	135				2			2			
" Presbyterian Ch.,	Edward L. Parker,	Sept. 12, 1810.													
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1837.													
Pelham,	Eden B. Foster,	June 21, 1848.													
Salem, [Church,	Daniel H. Babcock,	Stated supply.	13	33	46						2	2		2	2
Windham Presbyterian	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	62	92	154	2	2	4	1		4	5		11	11
10	10		337	540	877	68	17	85	6	1	15	22	31	26	57

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Conway,	Tappan,	1849.	28	40	68										
Danbury,	Daniel Pulcifer,	1844.	28	33	61										
Effingham,	Chapman	Stated supply.													
Hebron and Groton,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.													
Moultonborough,	Vacant.		36	43	79										
Ossipee,	Horace Wood,	Stated supply.	26	49	75	2		2	1		2	3		1	1
Sandwich 1st church,	Vacant.		26	54	80										
" 2d church,	Vacant.		9	13	22										
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,	June 14, 1843.	72	146	218		4	4		1	9	10			
Tuftonborough,	Vacant.		15	16	31										
Thornton,	Wm. P. Gale,	Jan. 1, 1848.	11	16	27										
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply.	14	31	45		1	1			2	2			
Wolfborough, 1st ch.	Jeffries Hall,	Stated supply.	19	45	64									2	2
" 2d ch.	Hobart,	Supply.	20	36	56						2	2			
14	10				826			7				14			2

Unsettled Ministers—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth. Messrs. O. Holmes and J. Dodge dismissed within the year.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addit'ns			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Le.	To	Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Ad.	In.	To
New Ipswich,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	115	216	331		1	1	3	2	9	14		6	6
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	85	159	244	11	3	14	5		4	9	4	2	6
Milford,			85	121	206	4	6	10						1	1
Mason Village,	Wm. Olmsted,	April 11, 1849.	42	70	112	30	10	40					15	1	16
Mont Vernon,	Bezaleel Smith,	1841.	53	119	172	2		2	1		3	4		3	3
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	25	51	76						3	3		1	1
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	1844.	87	199	286	7	4	11	2		5	7	3	5	8
Wilton,	Charles Whiting,	Jan. 4, 1848.	44	63	107	3		3	3		2	5	1		1
Nashua, 1st Cong. Ch.	Daniel March,	Jan. 3, 1849.			450	7	12	19	5		2	7	3	2	5
Nashua, Olive st.	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.													
Mason,															
Merrimack,	Stephen T. Allen,	May 22, 1839.													
South Merrimack,	Samuel H. Tolman,		12	21	34										
Temple,	W. Follet,	July 25, 1844.													
Hollis,	Gordon,														
15	13				2018			100				49			

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.	7	12	19	1	1	2			1	1	1		1
Boscawen, East,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.			*220										
Boscawen, West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	56	99	155	4	1	5			3	3			
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842.			85				1	2	2	5			
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	46	90	136		1	1	3		3	6		2	2
Concord First,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	62	185	247	5	7	12	6	2	6	14		4	4
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 24, 1833.	68	138	206	1		1	2		6	8		6	6
Concord South,	Daniel J. Noyes,	May 3, 1837.			224	16	20	36	13		5	18	2	13	15
Concord East,	Winthrop Fifield,	March 24, 1847.	36	74	110						2	2			
Franklin,	W. T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	25	71	96		2	2	2			2			
Henniker,	R. T. Searle,	Dec. 1, 1847.	66	155	221	2	4	6	2			2	3		3
Hill,	Destitute.														
Hopkinton,	Christopher M. Cordley,	Sept. 6, 1849.			203		1	1	5		3	8		1	1
Loudon Village,	J. N. Jones,	Stated supply.	13	35	48				1		1	2			
Pembroke,	Abraham Burnham,	March 2, 1808.	35	105	140	3	1	4	3		5	8	1	3	4
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldridge,		27	46	73	2	4	6	1		2	3	2	2	4
Northfield & Sanborn-	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	37	71	108	1	5	6	1		4	5	1	5	6
Warner, [ton Bridge,	R. W. Fuller,	June 10, 1846.	43	47	90		5	5	2	1	2	5			
Wilmot,	C. W. Richardson,	Stated supply.	10	13	23		2	2			1	1			
Fisherville,	Isaac Knight,	Stated supply.	8	17	25	2	3	5					1	1	2
20	19				2379	37	57	93	42	5	46	94	11	37	48

Unsettled Ministers—E. Price, Wm. Patrick, B. P. Stone, H. Wood.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addit'ns.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Le.	To	Di.	Ex.	Die.	To	Ad.	In	To
New Alstead,	J. W. Perkins,	October, 1847.	49	62	111	1	2	3	1	1	5	7		1	1
1 Ch. Alstead,	R. Crossett,	May 3, 1843.	22	57	99	2	1	3	4	1	3	8	1	3	4
Paper Mill Village,	Seth S. Arnold,	Stated supply.	14	28	42				5			5			
Chesterfield,	Destitute.		13	38	51										
Dublin,	H. A. Randall,	October 21, 1840.	18	33	51	3	5	8	2		1	3		4	4
Fitzwilliam,	A. Jenkins, Jr.,	February 16, 1848.	63	123	186	1	1	2	10		6	16		6	6
Gilsum,	Abraham Jackson.	Stated supply.	9	22	31	1		1						1	1
Hinsdale,	M. Gerould,	October 30, 1844.	38	66	104	6	1	7	1	11	1	13			
Jaffrey,	L. Tenney,	March 19, 1845.	47	122	169						1	1			
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818.	66	231	297	2	2	4	3		2	5		3	3
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	30	67	97		2	2			1	1			
Nelson,	D. L. French,	November 4, 1841.	49	72	121	18	1	19	3		2	5	8	1	9
Harrisville,	J. Pomroy,	Pastor.	25	46	71	12	3	15	3		1	4	5		5
Roxbury,	E. Adams,	Stated supply.	12	23	35	2	1	3	2		1	3		1	1
Stoddard,	J. Robinson, D. D.	January 5, 1803.													
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	February 4, 1846.	29	59	88	5	1	6	1		1	2	3	3	6
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow,	August 6, 1845.	23	89	117	1	1	2	7		6	13		12	12
Westmoreland,	S. Rogers,	Stated supply.	20	70	90	1	2	3	2		3	5		7	7
Winchester,	L. R. Humphrey,		66	142	208	2	1	3	7		1	8	2	3	7
Swanzey,	E. Rockwood,	October 16, 1836.	14	40	54										
Troy,	L. Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	25	53	78	2	3	5	2			2	2	1	3
21	20				2101			85				99			69

Unsettled Ministers—Gad Newell, Nelson; James Tisdale.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Manchester 1st church,	C. W. Wallace,	January 8, 1840.	77	137	214	2	9	11	13		2	15		3	3
Bedford, Pres. church,	Thomas Savage,	1826.			150	last year.									
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.			141	last year.									
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837.	40	67	107						2	2			
Hooksett,	John Lawrence,	Stated supply.													
Hudson,	Wm. Page,	August 14, 1844.	25	62	87	10	2	12							
Litchfield,	Wm. H. Porter,	October 29, 1845.													
Londonderry, Pres	T. G. Brainard,	November 5, 1840.			207	last year.									
8	8				906			23				17			3

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Bath,	E. Cleveland,	July 31, 1844.	33	59	92		2	2						3	3
Canaan,			13	29	42										
Haverhill,			26	77	103	9	2	11	10		3	13	4		4
Haverhill North,	S. Delano,	Stated supply.	9	14	23	2		2						1	1
Lyme,	E. Tenny,	January 5, 1831.	145	270	415	11	3	14	6		11	17	5	3	8
Orford East,*	E. R. Hodgman,	Stated supply.	47	42	89				1		2	3			
Orford West,	Wm. Clark,	May 17, 1848.	30	74	104	20	4	24			1	1	6		6
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	36	74	110				2		1	3		2	2
Wentworth,	J. S. Davis,	June 20, 1832.	15	30	45	1		1							
9	6	* 48 non-residents.			1023	43	11	54	19		17	36	15	9	24

Unsettled Minister—Nathan Lord, D. D.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	19	31	50						1	1			
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841.	22	52	74					1	2	3			
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, 1845.	75	283	358	2	9	11	5		7	12	1		1
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	14	61	75	2	2	4	1	1		2	2	2	4
Epping,	Destitute.		9	22	31						2	2			
Exeter 1st church,	R. D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, 1845.	45	86	131	4	1	5	5		4	9	2	2	4
Exeter 2d church,	Isaac Hurd, / S. D. Dexter,	Sept. 11, 1817. / Dec. 2, 1847.			108		4	4	2		2	4	2	1	3
Farmington,	Benjamin G. Willey,	Stated supply.	9	15	24						1	1			
Greenland,	Edwin Holt,	1848.	10	34	44		1	1			2	2			
Hampton,	Solomon Fay,	About to be settled.	60	126	186				1		1	2		2	2
Kingston,	John Smith,	July 27, 1848.	16	45	61		2	2	1		3	4			
Milton,	James Doldt,	Stated supply.	31	57	88		2	2		2	4	6			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	9	21	*30										
Newington,	Destitute.		1	6	*7										
New Market, Lamprey River,	Elliot C. Cogswell,	June 1, 1849.	34	71	105	4	11	15	3		2	5	1		1
North Hampton,	Jonathan French,	Nov. 18, 1801.	59	91	150				2	1	6	9		5	5
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clark,	Nov. 16, 1842.	80	260	340	19	6	25		1	3	4	7	16	23
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, 1843.	19	75	94	3	3	6	1	1	3	5	3		3
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	38	78	116	1		1			1	1		1	1
Seabrook & Hampton Falls,	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	26	49	75	2		2			4	4	2	6	8
Rollinsford, Salmon Falls,	Samuel J. Spaulding,	Oct. 28, 1846.	28	39	67	6	7	13			1	1	5		5
Somersworth, Great Falls,	James T. McCollom,	Oct. 2, 1844.	32	90	122	1	2	3	2		2	4	1	1	2
South New Market,	Lyman White,	Stated supply.	6	14	20						2	2			
Stratham,	Destitute.		19	36	55									1	1
24	22	* From last year's report.			2411	44	50	94	28	7	53	83	26	27	53

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addit'ns.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Le.	To	Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Ad.	In.	To
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	72	111	183	2	1	3	2		4	6	1	3	4
Charlestown,	J. DeF. Richards,	May 28, 1841.	19	48	67	1	3	4	1		2	3	1	3	4
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	70	134	204	3	5	8	3	1	4	8	2	5	7
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	32	57	89	2	1	3	2		3	5			
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply.	33	50	83		3	3						2	2
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.	April 20, 1842.	91	145	236	1	3	4	8		4	12		1	1
Enfield,	Destitute.														
Hanover Centre,															
Goshen,															
Langdon,*	Nelson Barber,	Stated supply.	13	21	34				1		1	2		2	2
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Stated supply.	56	107	163	18	2	20	2		5	7	10	3	13
Lempster 1st,	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	34	50	84	2	3	5	4		1	5	1	2	3
Lempster 2d,	Destitute.														
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840.	20	55	75	3	2	5	1		1	2		1	1
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 23, 1824.	67	119	186		2	2	7		6	13		4	4
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	9	30	39		1	1						2	2
Unity,	Destitute.														
Washington,	John F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	8	22	30						1	1			
18	13				1473			58				64			43

Unsettled Ministers—Prof. C. B. Haddock and David Kimball, Hanover. *Licentiates*—John N. Putnam, Lyman White, and Cyrus Richards.

* Rev. John Wood of Langdon dismissed January 23, 1849.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Addit'ns. Pr.	Le.	To	Removals. Di.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	To
Antrim,	John M. Whiton,	September 28, 1808.	46	130	176	2	2	4			3	3			
Bennington,	Albert Manson,	November 23, 1841.	19	39	58				2			2		5	5
Deering,	Destitute.		15	38	53										
Francestown,	Jonathan McGee,	August 16, 1843.			364	2	3	5	10		6	16	2	7	9
Greenfield, Evangelical	D. P. Smith,	May 8, 1845.									2	2		2	2
" Congregational	J. LeBosquet,	Stated supply.	23	49	72	1	3	4			2	2		9	9
Hancock,	Archibald Burgess,	December, 1822.	75	130	205										
Hillsboro' Centre,	Robert Page,	Stated supply.	32	52	84	2		2	1		4	5	1	6	7
Hillsboro' Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	November 15, 1843.	19	37	56				5		2	7			
Lyndeboro',	E. B. Claggett,	September 30, 1846.	52	90	142	1		1	3		4	7		5	5
New Boston,	E. M. Kellogg,	June 25, 1846.	51	110	161	3	3	6	7		6	13		5	5
Peterboro',	Henry J. Lamb,	July 14, 1847.			160										
Bradford,	Daniel Goodhue,		37	74	111		3	3			1	1			
13	12				1642	11	14	25	28		30	58	3	39	42

NOTE. The returns from Hancock, Peterboro', and Deering, are taken from last year's Report.

Unsettled Minister—J. L. French, Seamen's Preacher, Havanna.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	20	36	56				4		2	6		
Dalton,	Destitute.		9	19	28									
Lancaster,	Stephen A. Barnard,	Stated supply.	14	58	72									
Stewartstown,	Josiah Morse,	Stated supply.			28		2	2						
Whitefield,	Destitute.				16									
5	3				200			2				6		

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Comm'cts.	Added.	Removed.	Bap.
Belknap,	12	11	1095	35	59	20
Caledonia,	3	2	161		4	4
Deerfield,	8	7	625	18	21	17
Derry,	10	10	877	85	22	57
Harmony,	14	10	826	7	14	2
Hollis,	15	13	2018	100	49	47
Hopkinton,	20	19	2379	93	94	48
Lancaster,	5	3	200	2	6	
Manchester,	8	8	906	21	19	3
Monadnock,	20	19	2101	85	99	69
Orange,	9	6	1023	54	37	24
Piscataqua,	24	22	2411	94	83	63
Sullivan,	18	13	1473	58	64	43
Union,	13	12	1642	15	58	42
Total,	179	155	17,737	677	629	439

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION
FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.*	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.*
Strfford, Belk. & Carroll,	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb & March.
Merrimack,	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	August & Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.

N. B. The publication of the Minutes has been delayed in order to ascertain the place of the next meeting of the Association. For Standing Rules of the Association, see Minutes for 1848.

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MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING

IN

GREAT-FALLS, SOMERSWORTH,

AUGUST, 1850.

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MEMBERS EX OFFICIO.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., *Secretary.*
Rev. Abraham Burnham, D. D., *Treasurer.*
Rev. J. T. McCollom, *Minister of the place.*

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, New School, Rev. Jacob Little.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Erastus Maltby.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. T. A. Taylor.
General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Francis Williams.
General Conference of Maine, Rev. Sewall Tenney.
General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. Moses Ordway.
General Association of Illinois, Rev. R. C. Bristol.

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. N. Bouton was chosen Moderator:
Rev. E. H. Barstow Scribe: and
Rev. John P. Humphrey Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator, and the Standing Rules of the Association were read by the Secretary.

Adjourned to half past one, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment and proceeded to the choice of a committee of overtures and nominations. Rev. J. T. McCollom, Rev. John Richards, D. D. and Rev. Samuel Lee were chosen this committee.

Voted, That the times of meeting be 8 o'clock, A. M., and half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, Rev. D. Goodwin, Rev. L. Thayer, Rev. J. Little and Rev. T. A. Taylor were appointed a committee to prepare a report of the state of religion.

The Delegates appointed to corresponding bodies last year gave their report.

After singing, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Rogers, the Delegates from the District Associations and from Foreign Bodies gave a report of the state of religion within their respective bounds, in the course of which prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Willey of Goffstown.

Rev. D. Goodwin and Rev. W. Fifield were appointed a committee to designate the place of the next meeting and also the Association to furnish a Preacher.

Rev. J. French and Rev. S. T. Abbott were chosen a committee to prepare the next Pastoral Letter.

Rev. Messrs. J. French, J. T. McCollom, A. W. Burnham, N. Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., A. Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, and R. W. Clark, were appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State.

Rev. Dr. Richards, late delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, gave his report. He did not attend the meeting of the Synod, but had correspondence with the body. They accept our christian salutations and desire a continuance of correspondence, requesting a delegation from us at their next meeting in 1853.

The Piscataqua Association presented a memorial which was referred to a committee of five, viz.: Rev. Messrs. R. D. Hitchcock, N. Bouton, J. E. Farwell, T. Savage, and E. D. Eldridge. After prayer by Rev. D. Goodwin, the Association adjourned till tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by by Rev. W. Fifield.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read. The report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented. Voted, That the report be adopted and published with the Minutes.

Rev. Dr. Burnham, Treasurer of the Association, next presented his report, which was accepted and adopted.

Rev. A. Burnham, D. D. was chosen Treasurer for the year ensuing and Rev. N. Bouton, Auditor.

Listened to the Pastoral Address by Rev. T. Savage, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The hour of half past 1 o'clock this afternoon, was assigned for the discussion of the Piscataqua memorial.

Voted to allow TEN MINUTES to each of the agents of benevolent societies present. Accordingly, after prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tenney, delegate from Maine, Rev. Mr. French addressed the Association in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Society; Rev. Mr. Ellis, in behalf of the Society for promoting Theological and Collegiate Education at the West; Rev. Mr. Bullard, Mass. Sabbath School Society; Rev. Mr. Ferguson, the Am. Tract Society; and Rev. Dr. Dickinson, Am. and Foreign Christian Union. Rev. Mr. Ballentine, Mis-

sionary from India and Rev. Mr. Stoddard of Persia next addressed the Association in behalf of missions.

Voted a recess to give place for the exercises of the anniversary of the N. H. Branch of the Am. Education Society.

At the close of these exercises adjourned till half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

The committee on the place and preacher for the next meeting made their report. Upon which it was voted that Piscataqua Association furnish the preacher for the next year. The subject of place was referred to the Scribes.

The hour previously assigned for the consideration of the Piscataqua memorial having arrived, Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, from the committee, presented the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the committee of five, to whom was referred the memorial of the Piscataqua Association, asking the General Association of New Hampshire to entertain the question of changing its organization to that of a General Conference, be instructed to prepare a plan of organization for a General Conference, to be laid before the District Associations, to be acted upon at their January meeting, or earlier if they please; the results to be brought together at the next meeting of the General Association.

After a brief discussion the resolution was adopted.

Voted, That the plan of organization, prepared by this committee, be published in the Congregational Journal.

The Association spent the next hour in devotional exercises and addresses. Rev. Messrs. Lee and Taylor offered prayers, and Messrs. W. Clark, E. B. Foster, T. Savage and N. Bouton made addressses.

Voted, to have a recess to give place to the anniversary of the New Hampshire Bible Society.

After the recess the committee of nominations reported the following list of delegates to corresponding bodies, which report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:—

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.)

PRIMARIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Rev. B. P. Stone,	Rev. John Richards, D. D.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)

Rev. I. Willey,	Rev. J. P. Humphrey.

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To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Homer Barrows, Rev. A. W. Burnham

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Charles Whiting, Rev. L. Tenney.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. E. H. Barstow, Rev. Robert Page.

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. J. E. Farwell, Rev. Charles Shedd.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Samuel Lee, Rev. D. Goodwin.

To the General Association of Illinois.

Rev. John M. Ellis, Rev. E. B. Claggett.

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. John M. Ellis, Rev. Otis Holmes.

To the General Association of Iowa.

Rev. E. C. Cogswell, Rev. Giles Leach.

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. E. I. Carpenter, Rev. E. N. Hidden.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. John M. Ellis.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church U. S. A.

A resolution was presented respecting holding fraternal correspondence with other Evangelical bodies in the State; which on motion was indefinitely postponed.

After prayer by the Rev. J. E. Farwell the Association adjourned till tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, AUG, 29.

Met agreeably to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Burnham. The Minutes of the preceding day were read.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Am. Tract Society and through it to the munificent individuals who have presented to the ministers of this State the prize essays on Systematic Beneficence.

Voted, That the Scribes with Rev. Dr. Richards be the publishing committee, and that they procure 600 copies of the Minutes.

Voted a tax of 50 cents on each member of the District Associations the ensuing year.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to the

people of this place for their generous hospitalities, and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

Voted, That the names of the Clerks of the several District Associations be printed together on a separate page of the Minutes.

Voted, That the form of a schedule for the annual report of the state of the churches be printed in the Minutes.

Voted, That the Rev. Robert Page be the preacher before the Communion for the next year, and Rev. E. B. Foster be his substitute.

The narrative of the state of religion was read, upon which it was voted that it be accepted, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

The following resolution respecting incomplete returns from District Associations was presented and adopted, viz :—

Resolved, that *incomplete returns* from our District Associations be reckoned *inexcusable.*

Voted, That the Minutes thus far be accepted.

Spent a season in devotional exercises. Prayer was offered by Rev. Messrs. E. Adams, Brainerd and Ferguson, and addresses made by Rev. Mr. Clark, of the Franklin Street Church, Manchester, and Rev. Dr. Barstow.

The Association then gave place to the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, to meet again immediately after the Communion.

The Sacramental Sermon was preached by Rev. John Smith, of Kingston, from Ps. 102 : 16.

Rev. Messrs. Lee and Bouton officiated at the table.

Met according to adjournment, and after uniting in prayer with Rev. Dr. Richards,

Adjourned sine die.

N. BOUTON, *Moderator.*

E. H. BARSTOW, *Scribe.*

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The committee appointed to report on the State of Religion within the bounds of this General Association, would be glad to present the exact statistics of the matter. They would be glad to tell you how many churches there are; what portion of them have pastors; how many are served by stated supplies; and how many are destitute. They would be glad to tell you the present number of our communicants; how many have been added within the year; and how many removed. They would be glad to tell you also of our ministers; who have joined our ranks; and what changes have occurred. But the incompleteness of the returns before us forbids such exactness. We can only make a few general statements, hoping that the loose and rapid sketch will be a tolerably correct one.

In regard to numbers, our impression is, that the additions and the removals have been nearly equal. The inroads made by death have been repaired by accessions from the world. *Large* accessions, as the fruit of remarkable outpourings of the Spirit, are nowhere reported. But in many places, where only the ordinary means of grace have been employed, has God appeared, to rebuke the slackness of our zeal, and the blindness of our faith, by calling men from darkness into light. It may be that we are just entering on a new era of our religious development and progress, which is to outdo the era that has gone before it, using more silent methods, and resulting in riper and richer fruits.

As signs pointing in this direction, and heralding a better period, may be mentioned such circumstances as these; a greater manifest stability in the pastoral relation; increased attendance on preaching; the growing strength of our parishes; and a gradual improvement in morals; not to omit the new impulse given of late to the cause of popular education; all of which are conspiring to help the ministry, and, if wisely directed, must needs bring us ere long to very large and comforting results. Only there must be such a depth of Christian experience, such a sense of redemption, such an openness of heart towards God, and such a wise and patient steadiness of outward service, as only here and there a saint has as yet attained to.

Prominent among specific objects of interest, may be named our Sunday Schools, which are thought to be growing in numbers and efficiency; the the cause of Temperance, which, it is feared, is retrograding; and the cause of human freedom, which we love the stronger, and for which we strike the harder, the more we see the defences of it menaced.

As to any light thrown forward, by the year we are now reviewing, upon the year to come, could we only anticipate that tender interest in Divine things, which would manifest itself in fuller meetings of the church for conference and prayer, with that zeal for the kingdom of Christ, which would manifest itself in larger and more systematic contributions for the progress of it, we might feel sure that the set time to favor Zion would be very near at hand.

From Foreign Bodies, represented among us, the reports made have been for the most part cheering. From some of our sister States of New England, from the far West, from amid the mountains of Persia, and from the banks of the Ganges, we have heard of the strivings of God's Spirit, and the marvellous triumphs of his grace.

In conclusion, it is to be noticed, that the past year has been one of unusual mortality among the ministers of New Hampshire. The Rev. Archibald Burgess of Hancock—a man of more than common stability and

spirit of mutual crimination and recrimination, churches arrayed against churches in unholy warfare. Hence, too, a spirit of dissatisfaction and agitation, that, in some instances, results in the dissolution of the connexion between pastor and people. and opens the door to every kind of irregularity.

But, brethren, if we are under the influence of Christian hopes and expectations; if we are eagerly looking forward to the promised blessing; if our hearts are animated by the grandeur of the prospects that open on the eye in the vista of future ages, we shall not yield to such temptations; we shall rather cherish a hopeful spirit, even in the lowest time; we shall patiently wait on the Lord, in the use of all appointed means; we shall cherish undiminished confidence in the Gospel as a great remedy for a lost world.

May we not further urge this spirit of humble expectation and hope, as a preparation for answer to prayer? Does it not open the way to the reception of spiritual blessings? "I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry." "For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promises." "For yet a little while and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." "Wait patiently on the Lord, and he will incline his ear to the voice of your supplications." Wait on God in calm, trustful hope in the development of his providence and grace, and through the Mediator your prayer will come up acceptably before the mercy-seat.

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face."

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Finally, is not the posture of humble, patient waiting on God, that in which we should be found, as it falls in best with the economy of grace, the great design of God's moral government? What are the uniform representations of Scripture, as to the condition of the Christian? Does it not correspond with the sentiment inculcated? Does it not represent him as a pilgrim passing on to a better land, as an heir looking forward to a heavenly inheritance? Does it not hold up the present as a state of expectation, and heaven as the only state of full fruition. It is true, religion has much present enjoyment; but what is all this to being with Christ in glory? "We are now," says holy Mr. Baxter, "as the fish in a vessel of water, only so much as will keep them alive; but what is that to the ocean? We have a little air let in to us to afford us breathing; but what is that to the sweet and fresh gales upon Mount Zion? We have a beam of the sun to lighten our darkness, and a warm ray to keep us from freezing; but then we shall live in its light, and be revived by its heat forever. He quickens our hunger and thirst for righteousness, that he may make us happy in a full satisfaction."

Brethren, the time is short! Within a short time several of our number have entered on their rest. Of those who addressed you last year, through the pastoral letter, a number have gone. Burgess, Parker, Knight, and others have ceased from their labors.

"And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end." "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Hampshire in account with A. Burnham, Treasurer. DR.

To paid for printing the Minutes of 1848, -	$29,00
To do. - - 1849, -	27,00
To paid Dea. Asa McFarland, balance for printing Rev. Mr. Bouton's Sermon - - -	19,74
To paid Rev. Mr. Barstow, for postage -	1,89
Amount of expenditures - -	77,63

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By Belknap	$3,00	Lancaster	0,00
Caledonia	1,00	Manchester	5,00
Derry, -	3,50	Monadnock	9,50
Deerfield -	3,00	Piscataqua	8,00
Harmony -	2,50	Orange,	0,00
Hollis -	5,50	Sullivan -	5,50
Hopkinton	6,50	Union -	5,50

Amount of receipts	58,50
Balance in Treasury,	34,87
Amount of credit	93,37
Amount of debt	77,63
Balance in the Treasury	15,74

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of Rev. A. Burnham, Treas. of Gen. Assoc and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

N. BOUTON, Auditor.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund would hereby report to the Gen. Association of New Hampshire, that their Annual Meeting was held at Rev. Mr. Bouton's, Concord, June 5, 1850. That the Treasurer's report was read and accepted, and the following election of officers was made :

Rev. N. Bouton, President, Rev. A. Burnham, Secretary.
Hon. F. N. Fisk, Treasurer. Messrs. Bouton & Morrill, Auditors.
Messrs. Bouton, Burnham and Fisk, Committee.

In view of the low state of our funds, appointed the President and Secretary a Committee to prepare and send out to the local Associations a circular, inviting them to pay up their annuities, and by such other means as their wisdom and benevolence shall dictate, to increase this sacred Fund. Then, adjourned, sine die. A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

After the adjournment of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee held their Annual Meeting, and found themselves unable to make the usual appropriations of of $20 to each of the poor widows on our list. But, with the hope that the local Associations would enable us to make a similar appropriation before next Winter, we appropriated half the usual sum, viz : To Mrs. Moses Dow, $10, to Mrs. L. Burge $10, to Mrs. S. Nichols $10, to Mrs. B. Hull $10, to Mrs. M. Pillsbury $10, to Mrs. R. B. Thompson $10 : amounting to $60. A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

Pembroke, August, 1850.

A MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Piscataqua Association respectfully represent to the General Association of New Hampshire, that we presented to your body in the meeting held at Meredith Bridge, in August, 1847, a memorial on the subject of such a change in our State organization, as to make it a General Conference instead of a General Association.

The memorial contained a statement of some reasons for the change, given at some length, though as briefly as their nature seemed to allow.

This paper, having been read, was referred to a Committee, consisting of three of the most respectable ministers in the State; and, on their report, the subject was dismissed, without a reply to the reasons given, without disscusion,and without any extended consideration.

How great soever our respect for the members of the Committee to whom our former memorial was referred without success, we beg leave to ask a reconsideration of the subject. Our desire is to have it come before the Ministers and Churches of the State; and that the reasons for the change may receive such attention as their importance deserves. To this end we venture to request that the subject be referred to a committee composed of those who hold conflicting opinions with regard to the change; which committee shall report at length next year; or, that a question relating to the change be proposed to the several Associations and Church Conferences in the State, requesting answers to be given before the meeting of the General Association next year.

POSTSCRIPT.

The place of meeting for the next General Association—is Acworth, Rev. Edwin S. Wright, Minister of the place.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	54	126	180				5	1	2	8		1	1
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	41	75	116				1	3	2	6		1	1
Gilmanton East,	James Hobart,	Stated supply.	15	30	45				1		2	3			
Gilmanton Centre,	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	55	93	148	12		12	2	1	3	6	4	2	6
Sanbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	52	100	152	4	3	7	2		2	4	1	2	3
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	17	33	50						2.	2			
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	29	51	80										
Loudon 1st Church,	Edward F. Abbott,	Stated supply.	20	51	71				2		5	7			
Alton,			1	7	8										
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 20, 1804.	98	147	245		1	1	3		4	7		1	1
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	47	121	168	2	2	4			4	4	1	3	4
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	21	47	68				1	1	1	3			
Bridgewater,	J. R. Whittemore,	Stated supply.	5	8	13										
Thornton,	William P. Gale,		11	11	22	1		1	6		2	8	1	3	4
Hebron and Groton,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	4	26	30		1	1							
			17	19	36										
			499	952	1461	19	6	25	20	7	25	51	7	12	19

Rev. Charles Tenney, Gilmanton, without charge.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. From last year's report.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pr.Let.To.	Removals. Dis.Ex.Di.To	Baptisms. Ad.In.Tot.
Bethlehem, } Franconia, }	Isaac Esty,	Stated supply.	10	17	27			
			6	11	17			
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 15, 1842.	32	85	117			
			48	113	161			

Rev. Drury Fairbank of Littleton and Rev. David Sutherland of Bath, without charge.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION. From last year's report.

Chichester,	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845.	54	86	140			
Deerfield,	E. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841.			96			
Epsom,	R. A. Putnam,							
Loudon,	Edward F. Abbott,	Stated supply.						
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Stated supply.	33	50	83			
Nottingham,					5			
Pittsfield,	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.			161			
Raymond,	J. C. Page,	Oct. 7, 1841.			140			
					625			

Unsettled Ministers—Josiah Carpenter, Chichester; Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield; Josiah Prentice, Northwood.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Derry Presbyterian,															
" Congregational,	P. B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837.	32	83	115	2	2	4	1	1	2	4		2	2
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	Aug. 27, 1846.	83	108	191	1	3	4	3		6	9	1	2	3
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	17	30	47	4	5	9		1		1	1		1
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	108	175	283	3	2	5	7		9	16	2	4	6
Windham,	L. Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	63	88	151	3	1	4	1		2	3		4	4
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1837.	30	55	85				4		2	6		2	2
Pelham,	Eden B. Foster,	June 21, 1848.													
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.													
Salem,	Daniel H. Babcock,	Stated supply.													

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di. To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Conway,	Tappan,	1849.	28	40	68									
Danbury,	Daniel Pulcifer,	1844.	28	33	61									
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,	Feb. 1828.	34	49	83					1	1			
Ossipee,	Horace Wood,	Stated supply.	26	45	71	4	1	5	3	2	5	2	1	3
Sandwich 1st church,			26	54	80									
" 2d church,			9	13	22									
Tamworth,	Jeremiah Blake,	June 14, 1843.	65	134	199		1	1	3	6	9		1	1
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply.	13	32	45		1	1		1	1			
Wolfborough 1st ch.	Jeffries Hall,	Stated supply.	20	42	62		1	1	1	3	4		1	1
" 2d ch.														
Tuftonborough,														
Effingham,	Elias Chapman,	Stated supply ½ time.	9	26	35	1		1		1	1	1		1
Thornton,	Wm. P. Gale,	Jan. 1, 1848.	11	16	27									
					758	5	4	9	7	14	21	3	3	6

Unsettled Minister—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di. To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	88	209	297	13	2	15	4		4 8	4	2	6
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	26	51	77	4	1	5	2		2 4	2		2
Hollis,	Matthew D. Gordon,	1849.												
Mason,	Ebenezer Hill,	Nov. 3, 1790.	43	57	100				6		1 7			
Mason Village,	William Olmsted,	April 11, 1849.	44	77	121	2	9	11	2		2	2	2	4
Milford,	E. N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.	89	127	216		10	10	2		2 4			
Mont Vernon,	Vacant.		*53	119	172				Last year's report.					
Merrimack,	Vacant.		*31	75	106									
South Merrimack,	Samuel H. Tolman,	Supply.	11	17	28									
Nashua 1st Cong. Ch.,‡	Daniel March,	Jan. 3, 1849.												
Nashua Olive St.,	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.			350	13	10	23	8		2 10	7	2	9
Nashua Pearl St.,‡	Leonard Swain,	June 24, 1847.	46	110	156	7	16	23	7		1 8	5	5	10
New Ipswich,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	115	221	336	9	2	11	3	1	4 8	3	5	8
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	84	155	239	1	1	2	4		3 7		4	4
Temple,	Walter Follett,	July 25, 1844.	30	60	90	3	2	5	2		1 3	2	2	4
Wilton,	Vacant.		*44	63	107									

Ministers without charge—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford; Leonard Jewett, Hollis; J. W. Shepard, Nashua; B. Smith, Mont Vernon; Charles Whiting. * Statistics taken from previous report. ‡ Unassociatiated churches.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pr.	Let.	To.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	To.
Andover,*	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	7	12	19										
Boscawen East,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.			220										
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	56	97	153	1	1	2	3		1	4		2	2
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842.			29				4		2	6			
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	43	86	129	1		1	4	1	3	8		2	2
Concord First,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	62	192	254	5	2	7	8	2	5	15	2	5	7
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	61	126	187		2	2	18			18		5	5
Concord Sonth,	Henry E. Parker,	Acting Pastor.			212				7		7	14		5	5
Concord East,	Vacant.		34	72	106				1		3	4			
Concord North (Fisherv.)	Thomas Vernon,	Stated supply.	14	30	44	1	6	7						2	2
Fisherville First,	Vacant.		8	15	23	2	2	4	1			1	1		1
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	30	79	109	7	9	16	1		2	3	4	9	13
Henniker,	Vacant.				221										
Hill,	Vacant.		12	21	33	12	1	13	1			1	5		5
Hopkinton,	C. M. Cordly,	Sept. 6, 1849.	58	121	179	3		3	2		5	7	3	4	7
Loudon Village,	J. N. Jones,	Stated supply.													
Northfield and Sanborn-	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	36	66	102		1	1	4		3	7		1	1
Pembroke, [ton Bridge,	Abraham Burnham, D. D.,	March 2, 1808.	35	100	135		5	5	3		6	9		5	5
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldridge,	June 12, 1849.	32	54	86	7	7	14	4			4	5	2	7
Warner,	R. W. Fuller,	June 10, 1846.	41	43	84				3		3	6		1	1
Wilmot,*	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	12	13	25	1		1					2		2
21	16				2350	40	36	76	64	3	40	107	22	43	65

Unsettled Ministers—E. Price, Wm. Patrick, B. P. Stone, H. Wood, W. Fifield. * Nathan Howard is Pastor of these churches.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Bedford Pres. Ch.,	Thomas Savage,	1826.			203	1	2	3		6	6		9	9
Dunbarton,	J. M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	No Report.											
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837.	36	65	101	2	4	6		4	4			
Hudson,	William Page,	August 14, 1844.			87	5	1	6	1		1	4	1	5
Litchfield,	J. L. Seymour,	Stated supply.			21					2	2			
Londonderry,	S. G. Brainerd,	Nov. 5, 1840.	56	110	192	3		3	2		2	2	10	12
Manchester 1st,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	77	164	241	17	9	26	12	2	14	14	3	17
Merrimac,	E. G. Little,													

Unsettled Ministers—Samuel Lamson, John Lawrence.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION. From last year's report.

Bath,	E. Cleveland,	July 31, 1844.	33	59	92
Canaan,			13	29	42
Haverhill,	E. H. Greeley.	Nov. 1849.	26	77	103
Haverhill North,	S. Delano,	Stated supply.	9	14	23
Lyme,	E. Tenny,	Jan. 5, 1831.	145	270	415
Orford East,*	E. R. Hodgman,	Stated supply.	47	42	89
Orford West,	Wm. Clark,	May 17, 1848.	30	74	104
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	36	74	110
Wentworth,	J. S. Davis,	June 20, 1832.	15	30	45

Unsettled Minister—Nathan Lord, D. D. * 48 non-residents.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pr.	Let.	To.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	To.
1st church in Alstead,															
New Alstead,	J. W. Perkins,	Oct. 26, 1847.	50	63	113	1	3	4	1		1	2	1	1	2
Paper Mill Village,	Edmund Jennison,	Stated supply.	14	28	42						2	2			
Chesterfield,	M. W. H. Marble,	Stated supply.													
Dublin,			18	34	52	1		1					1	2	3
Fitzwilliam,	Abraham Jenkins,	Feb. 16, 1848.	65	115	180	4	1	5		2	4	6	10		10
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	Stated supply.	9	26	35				2			2			
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould,	Oct. 30, 1844.	37	66	103		4	4	4		2	6			
Jaffrey 1st church,	Laban Ainsworth, / Leonard Tenney,	Dec. 10, 1782. / March 19, 1841.	37	110	144	2	1	3	27		2	29	2	6	8
Jaffrey East,	J. E. B. Jewett,	Pastor elect.	10	19	29		29	29							
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	July 1, 1818.	66	225	291	1	2	3	5		4	9		15	15
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	29	64	93		2	2	4			4		4	4
Nelson,	Daniel S. French,	Nov. 4, 1842.	48	71	119	3		3	3		2	5		5	5
Harrisville,	Daniel H. Babcock,	Acting Pastor.	27	55	72	1	2	3							
Roxbury,															
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson, D.D.	Jan. 5, 1803.													
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1845.	28	65	93	6	1	7	1		2	3	3	4	7
Surry,															
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Nov. 15, 1836.	16	39	55				2		2	4			
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	23	54	77	1	2	3	3			3		3	3
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow,	Aug. 6, 1845.	32	90	122	4	3	7			2	2		8	8
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	33	103	136	36	1	37			3	3	20	2	22
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	62	127	189	3	1	4	11	2	5	18		5	5
					1945	63	50	113	59	6	31	96	37	51	79

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Pr.	Let	To.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	To.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	17	30	47				1		1	2		1	1
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841.	23	55	78		3	3	1		2	3		1	1
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, 1845.	81	272	353	6	4	10	9		5	14	3	6	9
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	10	59	69	1		1	6		2	8			
Epping,	Lyman White,	Stated supply.	12	29	41		7	7			3	3			
Exeter 1st ch.,	R. D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, 1845.	44	85	129				1		1	2			
Exeter 2d ch.,	Isaac Hurd,	Sept. 11, 1817.	20	84	104	1		1	1		2	3	1		1
Farmington,	R. M. Sargent,	Stated supply.	10	12	22				1			1			
Greenland,	Edwin Holt,	March 8, 1848.	14	38	52	1	3	4			2	2		1	1
Hampton,	Solomon P. Fay,	Sept. 7, 1849.	66	134	200	13	4	17			3	3	4	7	11
Kingston,	John Smith,	July 26, 1848.	15	49	64				1		1	2			
Milton,	James Doldt,	Stated supply.	30	55	85				1	1	1	3			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	10	17	27						2	2			
Newington,	Destitute.		1	6	7										
New Market,	Elliott C. Cogswell,	Stated supply.	18	37	55	1		1	2	1	3	6		3	3
North Hampton,	Jonathan French,	Nov. 18, 1801.	60	92	152		1	1	1		4	5		5	5
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clark,	Nov. 16, 1842.	79	258	337			9	5		7	12	1	2	3
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, 1843.	19	77	96		3	3			2	2		3	3
Rye, [Falls,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	36	77	113						3	3			
Seabrook and Hampton	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	22	39	61				3		1	4		2	2
Salmon Falls(Rollinsford)	Samuel J. Spalding,	Oct. 28, 1846.	32	48	80	7	13	20	5		2	7	4		4
Somersworth, Great Falls	J. T. McCollom,	Oct. 2, 1844.	41	109	150	18	12	30	1		1	2	13	2	15
South New Market,	Destitute.		7	10	17										
Stratham,	Destitute.		17	36	53										
					2392			107				89	26	33	59

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	74	110	184	1	8	9	3	1	4	8	1	10	11
Charlestown,	J. DeF. Richards,	May 26 1841.	22	49	71	4	8	12	2		3	5	3	8	11
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	62	130	192	3	8	11	15	2	5	22	1	3	4
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,*	Oct. 1, 1835.	32	57	89										
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply.	32	49	81				2			2			
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 20, 1842.	86	139	225	10	6	16	22	1	3	26	2	1	3
Enfield,	Destitute.														
Hanover Centre,	Cutter,	Stated supply.													
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated supply.	22	34	56										
Langdon,	Nelson Barber,*	Stated supply.	13	21	34										
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	37	94	131	5	4	9	40		2	42	5		5
West Lebanon,†	Prof. D. J. Noyes,	Stated supply.	30	27	57	7	11	18			1	1	5		5
Lempster 1st,	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	33	48	81		2	2	6			6		2	2
Lempster 2d,	Destitute.														
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840.	24	56	80	4	3	7	7		2	9	1		1
Newport,	John Woods,	Jan. 28, 1824.	69	111	180	2	2	4	5		5	10		2	2
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	9	28	37										
Unity,	Destitute.														
Washington,	John F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	12	32	44	4	6	10					1	4	5
19			657	985	1642	40	58	98	102	4	25	130	19	30	49

Unsettled Ministers—Prof. C. B. Haddock, David Kimball, Hanover. *Licentiates*—Prof. John N. Putnam, Dartmouth College; C. S. Richards, Meriden.

* Last year's return. † Church organized Nov. 8, 1849—meeting-house dedicated same day.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Di.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	To.
Antrim,	J. M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.	47	123	170	1	1	2	2	1	2	5		1	1
Bennington,	Destitute.		19	39	58										
Bradford,	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848.	27	43	70	1	2	3	1	2	1	4	1	4	5
Deering,	Destitute.		15	38	53										
Francestown,	Jonathan McGee,				367	8	5	13	4		6	10		7	7
Greenfield, Evangelical	D. P. Smith,	May 8, 1844.	40	90	130	4		4	4		7	11	2	2	4
" Congregational	J. LeBosquet,	Stated supply.	38	74	112	30	8	38					7	3	10
Hancock,			75	130	205										
Hillsboro' Centre,			32	52	84	2	2	4	2		2	4			
Hillsboro' Bridge,	J. Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	18	36	54				10			10		5	5
Lyndeboro',	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.	52	85	137		1	1	4		2	6		1	1
New Boston,	E. M. Kellogg,	June 25, 1846.	53	112	165	2		2	5	1	5	11	2	2	4
Peterboro',	H. J. Lamb,	July 14, 1847.			160										

NOTE. The returns from Hancock, Peterboro', Deering, and Hillsboro' Centre, are taken from the last year's report.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. From last year's report.

Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	20	36	56
Dalton,	Destitute.		9	19	28
Lancaster,	Stephen A. Barnard,	Stated supply.	14	58	72
Stewartstown,	Josiah Morse,	Stated supply.			28
Whitefield,	Destitute.				16

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Com'cants.	Added.	Removed.	Bap.
Belknap,	16	14	1461	25	51	19
Caledonia,	3	2	161		4	4
Deerfield,	8	7	625	18	21	17
Derry,	10	9	876	26	39	18
Harmony,	13	9	753	4	21	6
Hollis,	16	13	2395	105	61	47
Hopkinton,	21	16	2350	76	107	65
Lancaster,	5	3	200	2	6	
Manchester,	8	8	845	44	27	23
Monadnock,	23	20	2145	113	58	79
Orange,	9	6	1023	54	37	24
Piscataqua,	24	21	2392	107	89	59
Sullivan,	19	16	1642	98	130	49
Union;	13	9	1765	67	52	37
Total,	188	153	18,633	789	703	447

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Hollis,	D. Goodhue.
Hopkinton,	W. Fifield.
Sullivan,	R. F. Lawrence.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Piscataqua,	James Boutwell.
Union,	J. M. Whiton.
Manchester,	J. L. Seymour.
Belknap,	Rufus Childs.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes.
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Caledonia,	E. I. Carpenter.
Orange,	Erdix Tenney.
Harmony,	
Lancaster,	

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

☞ It is expected that each member of the particular Associations in New Hampshire will make returns agreeably to this form, to his Association at its meeting next preceding each annual meeting of the General Association, and that the Delegates from each Association will combine all the returns to his Association into one, to be presented to the General Association, arranging the churches in alphabetical order, adding up and stating the whole amount in each column, and making the return, in all respects, as complete as possible.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Males.	Femal.	Total.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Dism.	Excl	Died.	Total.	Adul.	Inf.	Total.
Totals,															

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.*	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.*
Strafford, Belk. & Carroll,	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.
Merrimack,	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.

MINUTES.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

1851.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT

ACWORTH, AUGUST, 1851.

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MINUTES.

Agreeably to appointment, the General Association of of New Hampshire met in the Congregational Meeting House in Acworth, on Tuesday, August 26, 1851, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a Sermon by Rev. James T. M'Collom, of Great Falls, from Matt. 13 : 33.

Immediately subsequent, the preacher took the chair, and the following delegates presented their certificates of appointment from the District Associations, viz :

Belknap,	Rev. W. R. Jewett, Rev. D. Lancaster.
Caledonia,	
Deerfield,	Rev. E. Dow, Rev. M. H. Wells.
Derry,	Rev. W. Murdock, Rev. J. Holmes.
Harmony,	Rev. Jeffries Hall.
Hollis,	Rev. M. D. Gordon, Rev. D. Marsh, Rev. S. H. Tolman.
Hopkinton,	Rev. A. P. Tenney, Rev. B. P. Stone, Rev. C. B. Tracy.
Lancaster,	Rev. J. B. Hill.
Manchester,	Rev. Wm. Page, Rev. Thomas Savage.
Monadnock,	Rev. M. Gerould, Rev. E. Jennison, Rev. B. Smith, Rev. T. S. Norton.
Orange,	Rev. E. H. Greely, Rev. Wm. Clark.
Piscataqua,	Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, Rev. T. Wells, Rev. A. Tobey, Rev. L. White.
Sullivan,	Rev. D. Kimball, Rev. J. Scales, Rev. C. A. Downs.

UNION, Rev. J. Cummings,
Rev. D. Goodhue.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIO.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., *Secretary.*
Treasurer.
Rev. E. S. Wright, *Minister of the place.*

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. S. S. N. Greely.
" " Connecticut, Rev. Mr. Whittlesey, by letter.
" Conference of Maine, Rev. Caleb Hobart.
" Association of Iowa, Rev. E. Adams.
" Assembly, O. S., Rev. Mr. Lacey, Winchester, Va.
Congregational Association of Illinois, Rev. Mr. Blanchard.
General Assembly, N. S., Rev. D. B. Coe, N. Y. City.

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. ALVAN TOBEY was chosen Moderator.
Rev. WILLIAM MURDOCK, Scribe : and
Rev. T. S. NORTON, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator. Adjourned to meet at a quarter past one, P. M.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Rules were read by the Secretary. Then proceeded to the election of a Committee of Overtures and Nominations. Made choice of Rev. Messrs. E. S. Wright, J. Scales, and C. B. Tracy.

Rev. Messrs. E. H. Greely, C. A. Downs, M. Gerould, S. S. N. Greely, and C. Hobart were appointed to report on the State of Religion.

A communication was read by the Secretary from Rev. A. Burnham, D. D., resigning the office of Treasurer of the Association.

Voted, that the thanks of this body be presented to Dr. Burnham for his long and faithful services as Treasurer.

Voted, that the times of meeting be 8 o'clock, A. M., and $1\frac{1}{4}$, P. M.

A letter was read from the Congregational Union of Canada East, by Messrs. A. J. Parker, and R. N. Hall.

Elected Rev. A. P. Tenney, Treasurer.

After prayer by Rev. J. Woods, Reports were given by the Delegates of the several District Associations, and from Foreign Bodies.

The narratives being closed, Rev. Mr. Blanchard led in prayer, when the Association adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. White.

A communication was read from the Delegate of the Association of Rhode Island.

Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., J. French, D. D., J. T. McCollom, A. W. Burnham, N. Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., A. Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, and R. W. Clark, were appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers and candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State.

Voted, that the Committee of Publication of the Minutes be directed to circulate the Minutes to the ministers of the State by mail, and prepay the postage, charging the same to the Association.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow declined serving longer as Secretary of the Association.

Voted, to accept the resignation of Rev. Dr. Barstow as Secretary of the Association.

Voted, that the thanks of the Association be presented to Dr. Barstow for his long and able services as Secretary.

Rev. J. K. Young, Meredith Bridge, was elected Secretary of the Association.

Messrs. Tenney and Gerould were appointed a committee to designate the place of the next meeting, and the Association to furnish a preacher.

Messrs. Gerould and Marsh were appointed to report on the subject of changing the plan recommended by the General Association for benevolent contributions.

The Report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund was read and accepted.

Rev. Mr. Tenney read the report of Dr. Burnham, late Treasurer of the Association, which was accepted and adopted.

Voted, that the subject of changing the General Association into a General Conference be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, that the Association now give place to the N. H. Branch of the Education Society.

Rev. Wm. Murdock and Rev. L. Thayer were appointed a committee to prepare the next Pastoral Letter.

The Scribes, with Rev. D. Kimball, were authorized to act as Publishing Committee.

Rev. E. B. Foster was elected preacher before the communion next year, and Rev. A. W. Burnham, substitute.

Voted a tax of 50 cents on each member for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to 1½.

AFTERNOON.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

Voted that 600 copies of the Minutes be issued from the press.

Also that the sermon preached at the opening of the meeting by Rev. Mr. McCollum be printed.

Rev. Dr. Bouton was chosen Auditor.

Rev. Mr. Willey, Delegate to the General Assembly, N. S. made a verbal report, which was accepted.

Voted to give place to the N. H. Bible Society.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, that the report of the Committee to appoint delegates to Foreign Bodies be accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates.	*Substitutes.*
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S.	
Rev. N. Bouton, D D.	Rev. Alvan Tobey.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.	
Rev. C. W. Wallace.	Rev. H. E. Clark.
To the General Association of Massachusetts.	
Rev. A. W. Burnham.	Rev. J. Scales.
To the General Association of Connecticut.	
Rev. L. Tenney.	Rev. J. D. F. Richards.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. R. Page. Rev. M. D. Gordon.

To the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. C. Shedd. Rev. W. R. Jewett.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. D. Goodwin. Rev. S. G. Brainard.

To the General Association of Illinois.

Rev. E. B. Claggett. Rev. Abraham Jenkins.

To the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. Otis Holmes. Rev. Horace Hood.

To the General Association of Iowa.

Rev. Giles Leach. Rev. M. Gerould.

To the General Association of New York.

Rev. E. N. Hidden. Rev. T. S. Norton.

To the General Association of Wisconsin.

Rev. S P. Fay.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, U. S. A.

Rev. J. Boutwell.

Voted, that the report respecting a change in the plan recommended by the Association for benevolent contributions be accepted and adopted.

Voted, that the report of the Committee on the State of Religion, which was read by Rev. Mr. Greely, be accepted and adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

Voted, that 10 minutes be allowed to each of the agents of benevolent societies present.

Voted, that the thanks of this body be presented to the people of Acworth for their generous hospitalities, and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

Voted, that the place for the next meeting be at Pittsfield.

Rev. D. B. Coe, delegate from the General Assembly, N. S., reported the state of things within the bounds of said body.

After singing, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Keyes, of Lancaster, Penn., the Rev. Dr. Richards addressed the meeting in behalf of the Jews—and offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, that the American Society for meliorating the condition of the Jews, is worthy of the sympathy and support of the churches of New Hampshire.

Rev. Mr. Slocom addressed the meeting in behalf of the American and F. C. Union. Rev. Mr. Keyes, in behalf of the German Reformed Church. Rev. Mr. Ellis, in behalf of

Collegiate and Theological Education at the West. Rev. Mr. Clark, in behalf of the A. B. C. F. M.

Voted, to give place to the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

At the close of these exercises,

Voted, to adjourn till ¼ past 1.

AFTERNOON.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

Voted, that the Pastoral Letter be passed into the hands of the committee for publication.

The minutes being read and corrected,

Voted, to adopt and print them as corrected.

Voted, to adjourn after the public exercises.

The sermon before the communion was preached by Rev. Robert Page, of Lempster, from Gal. 6: 14.

Rev. A. W. Burnham and Rev. Phineas Cooke officiated at the table.

Adjourned sine die.

ALVAN TOBEY, *Moderator.*

WM. MURDOCK, *Scribe.*

THOMAS S. NORTON, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In surveying the field included within the bounds of this General Association, the Committee, appointed to report on the state of religion, find something to cheer, and much also to sadden the christian heart. The picture which it presents is dark; yet not wholly dark.

There is cause for devout gratitude that our nearly two hundred churches still exist; that the spires of our many church edifices still point the weary and sin-stricken to heaven; that the Sabbath bell is still heard to ring out over all our hills and through all our valleys the summons to the house and worship of God, and that our more than one hundred and fifty ministers preach, with so much fidelity and earnestness, a crucified Christ. We ought to be grateful that the gospel has not been taken from us and given to a people bringing forth the fruits thereof. We ought to be grateful that our churches still hold fast the faith of the fathers, and that, to so good a degree, they keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. We hear of no heresies, nor divisions among us.

The majority of the churches, from which we have received reports, appear to be enjoying outward prosperity. We think that fewer pastors than is usual have been unsettled during the past year. The congregations on the Sabbath are, in most cases, quite as large as in former times. In some, there has been an increase of numbers; in some others still, a diminution. We are assured that our Sabbath Schools retain their wonted interest, numbers and efficiency. It is to be regretted, however, that their sphere of operations has not been greatly enlarged.

The various benevolent enterprises of the day are sustained among us with the usual liberality. Still, it is to be deplored, that there is manifested so little of the spirit of Him, who, though he was rich, for our sakes became poor; and, that we cannot discern any marked advance in this respect.

The cause of temperance seems, throughout the State, to be stationary or retrograding.

From many of our churches we hear the sad complaint of a dearth of spiritual influences. Christians are not growing in grace; worldliness and apathy prevail among them; the prayer-meeting is deserted, or thinly and reluctantly attended; the souls of the impenitent are uncared for; while a tide of business and pleasure bears on their unbroken ranks towards perdition. The numbers in many of the churches are constantly decreasing and the spirit of moral desolation seems to sit brooding over them.

But there is a brighter side to this dark picture. God, blessed be his name, has not wholly withdrawn from us the tokens of his favorable presence. Several churches are reported as having enjoyed the outpouring of his Spirit, some in smaller and others in larger effusions. The churches of Littleton, Bath, Haverhill, Piermont, Han-

over, including a few in the College and several in Mrs. Dickinson's Boarding School, Hopkinton, Antrim, Goffstown, Atkinson, and the Academy at Meriden, have been blessed with the gift of reviving and converting grace. In many other places, gentle refreshings have been enjoyed, gladdening and encouraging the hearts of God's people. No revivals of great extent and power are reported, yet such as to lead us to thank God and take courage.

It is, however, a lamentable fact that the accessions to our churches but little exceed the removals from them. In many churches, and even in some entire District Associations the number of removals preponderates. Some churches are threatened with utter extinction in this way. True, the darkness of this picture in our spiritual condition is relieved, when we know that numbers have gone out from us to found and sustain churches in other and destitute parts of our country. Still, the question is forced upon us, When, at the present rates of increase, will the whole lump be leavened?

Four of our brethren in the ministry have, during the past year, ceased from their labors and gone to render up their account, viz. Rev. Peter Holt, Rev. David P. Smith, of Greenfield, Rev. Joseph Lane, of Pembroke, and Rev. William Olmstead, of Mason Village.

From the various bodies in correspondence with us, we hear much that is cheering. Within the bounds of some of them, the past year has been signalized by blessings. Converting grace has been largely bestowed and the cause of Christ greatly advanced. With scarcely an exception they are enjoying much outward, and much also of spiritual prosperity. Let God be praised.

For the Committee,

E. H. GREELEY.

PASTORAL ADDRESS

OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE TO THE CHURCHES IM THEIR CONNECTION.

BELOVED BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

The distinctive element of the religion you profess is holiness. That branch of religion which embraces the religious sentiment, and personal experience, and which pervades the soul which is created anew in Christ, is expressed in one word, purity. Its genuine and visible fruits are included in the terms, "all holy conversation and godliness," and appear in a pious, useful and beneficent life. These two prominent parts of religion are in the New Testament briefly comprised, like the two tables of the moral law, in a single sentence, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Here religion in its whole character is represented by two of its prominent features, kindness and purity. The first of these, christian kindness, is illustrated by one of its very important acts visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction. Among those who endure such affliction is one class toward whom the General

Association and the Churches hold special relations;—the indigent widows and orphans of their deceased ministers. The General Association in 1812, took into consideration the importance of making some provision for the relief of persons in such circumstances. At the annual meeting in 1813 a plan was adopted and Trustees appointed. The next year the Widows' Charitable Fund was commenced. In this charitable undertaking the Pastoral Convention have uniformly co-operated. At their annual meeting in June last they proposed collections in all our churches or congregations to be taken up previously to the present meeting of this General Association. It was hoped that an opportunity would thus be given to the beloved members of our churches, generally, to contribute toward the enlargement of this fund, so that its distributions, which have of necessity been small, may be increased; and also that actual relief may be rendered in cases where only commiseration can now be offered.

Knowing that several of the churches have not yet found opportunity to act on the Circular of the Pastoral Convention; and fearing that it will not receive so general a response as its importance demands, on account o the number and magnitude of the objects whose claims are urged at this season of the year, The Widows' Charitable Fund is selected for the subject of this Address, in the hope that it may assist in holding the attention of pastors and churches to this worthy object of christian charity, so that the united desires of the General Association, the Pastoral Convention and the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, may receive a favorable accomplishment.

The General Association entreat their Brethren and Sisters in the Lord not to forget that no moral duty is more particularly enjoined in the gospel than kindness; and that the law of kindness in the heart and lips of Christ, was constantly inculcated by his example. As well might we be called his disciples while denying his doctrines, profaning his sabbaths, and disregarding all his other institutions, as while neglecting the acts of kindness which he prescribed. "He went about doing good." "He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk even as he walked."

The circumstances of widows and fatherless children seclude them from general notice. The friendless state to which they are sometimes reduced renders their condition peculiarly afflictive; and to relieve their distress God accounts, when accompanied with sincere regard to his will, one of the highest expressions of kindness. In any class of society they are entitled to commiseration. Let a widow describe their condition when indigent.

"Widow is a word of sorrow in the best of circumstances; but a widow left poor, destitute, friendless, surrounded with a number of small children, shivering with cold, pale with want, looking in her face with eyes pleading for bread which she has not to give, nor any probable prospect of procuring, her situation is neither to be described nor conceived." "Husband, father, support, provider, *gone forever!* The setting sun,—the succeeding twilight, the rattling cars, the train of laborers announce the approach of evening, when many boards are spread, many husbands return to bless their families; scarce can she believe that he is not in the crowd; fain would she persuade herself that she has been in a dream; fain would she fancy that yonder is he. Darkness pervades the earth; the neighboring doors shut in the happy families; the fires illumine the windows. Back she staggers to her dreary dwelling, and wakes to all the realities of her widowed state. The once cheerful chimney scarcely emits a taper blaze. Her children cry for bread, but her empty pantry affords it not. Tired nature soon brings *them* relief,—they sleep,—they forget. Not so the widowed heart. Busy, cruel memory calls back and doubles her departed

joys;—comparison doubles her present misery;—every avenue to hope is shut. Her big swollen heart would burst its narrow bounds, but for the gush of tears, in mercy sent to give it vent. The deep fetched sobs wring out the big round drops in blest profusion, (who can say the luxury?) till glutted with grief she sinks among her babes. Time, that sorrow healing balm, softens, at length, the pungency of woe. The sympathizing neighbors, the unrestrained complaint and tears, render her situation familiar; the wants of her children urge her to exertion for their support; some sister widow, pensioner on bounty, consoles her with the news that many benevolent hearts have united their efforts to relieve wants like hers. Hope steals in,—she listens, is comforted,—plans schemes of industry, and exerts herself to become father and mother to her orphans." That such evils exist is painful to humanity, but since they do exist, can there be a more delicate pleasure than in being instrumental of relieving them? Though none can restore the FATHER and the HUSBAND, the hearts of the mourners may be soothed, while the relief provided for them by their father and their husband, God, is dispensed. Hear also a plea for the helpless orphan, poured forth, probably, from the same widowed heart.

"Among the afflicted of our suffering race, none makes a stronger or more impressive appeal to humanity, than the destitute orphan. Crime has not been the cause of its misery; and future usefulness may yet be the result of its protection. God himself has marked the fatherless as the peculiar subjects of his divine compassion. 'A father of the fatherless is God in his holy habitation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.' To be the blessed instrument of divine Providence in making good the promise of God, is a privilege equally desirable and honorable to the benevolent heart."

It reflects great honor on the wisdom, patriotism and humanity of this nation that public provision is made for the widows of those who suffered or labored in the service of their country. And shall christians neglect to relieve the afflicted and indigent families of the departed soldiers of the Lord Jesus? There, sorrow and want are combined. The change from the enjoyments of society and comfortable support to a state of solitude and penury is perhaps greater and more sudden to the widows and orphans of ministers that to those of other men. The numerous kind attentions they had been accustomed to receive, take other directions, or the bereaved family may be obliged to seek some other residence. In such cases, the pastor's widow should be sought out and her necessities relieved with delicate kindness, without her solicitation.

The General Association would remind the members of our churches that your ministers are your servants for Jesus sake. They spend and are spent for Christ and you. Their manner of life must show that they seek not yours but you. And if, notwithstanding all their labors and privations, their families are found in a state of penury, shall not their widows and orphans be entitled to the care of the churches, and made their pensioners?

By what special human agency were those pastors sustained, soothed, comforted, cheered, encouraged, helped onward in their works of faith and labors of love? Their faithful wives are the guardians of the duties of their husbands rather than of their ease. When the pastor, with labor-worn mind, and wearied frame, sighed for temporary respite, a mild but soul-inspiring voice encouraged him to renewed and persevering pastoral care and effort. And if the pastor, as every faithful minister should be, was given to hospitality, at the expense of whose unceasing kindness, care and self-denial was it most of all effected? By that of the pastor's wife. If she has not literally washed the disciples' feet, she has done many things analogous to it, following, diligently, every good work.

Ministers are known to the community. Their trials are perceived by the observing and felt by the ingenuous and kind, though by some others they are only recompensed with hard hearted indifference, if not palpable ingratitude. But who understands the never-ceasing toils and anxieties of the pastor's wife ? As she never complains, and always endures with cheerfulness, she is unnoticed, for she is unknown. With the affections of Mary, combined with the assiduous carefulness of Martha,she toils patiently in her domestic duties, still holding sweet communion with her Savior ; enjoying the society and administering to the comfort of her friends ; and, by an unpretending but efficient influence and example, promoting, to the extent of her opportunities, all the objects of charity, which move the hearts and engage the efforts of the friends of humanity. The dying words of the wife of a New Hampshire pastor, [Mrs. Harriet Putnam, of Portsmouth,] would doubtless describe the experience of many in the like relation: " I have lived a pleasant life, I have had pleasant friends. But oh, my home in heaven is more pleasant,is glorious."—"Pleasant years, years of many blessings,—but laborious ones, laborious ones,—years that have worn down this little, suffering body."

In the life of a minister's wife, such circumstances are not rare ; and if she lives to become his widow, and if poor, is she not peculiarly of the household of faith, and should not provision be made for her relief by the family of Christ ?

In conclusion, the General Association express their earnest desire that the seasonable proposal of the Pastoral Convention may not fail, even in part, of its important purpose, and therefore recommend that on the first Sabbath in January, 1852, all our congregations, which have not already acted upon it, should have an opportunity of presenting an offering to the Widow's God, the Father of the fatherless, to sustain and enlarge a Fund, which, notwithstanding its limited means at present, has drawn forth tears of gratitude from fountains, which had overflowed with almost unmitigated grief.

JONA. FRENCH, } Com-
SERENO T. ABBOTT, } mittee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Hampshire
In account with A. Burnham, Treasurer—DR.

To freight and postage, - - - - - -	$1,10
To printer's Bill, - - - - - -	32,00
Amount of expenditures - - - -	$33,10

CR.	By Belknap	$4,50	Lancaster	$0,00
	Deerfield	2,00	Manchester	0,00
	Derry	3,50	Monadnock	7,50
	Caledonia	0,00	Piscataqua	9,00
	Harmony	1,00	Orange	0,00
	Hollis	4,50	Sullivan	4,00
	Hopkinton	0,00	Union	0,00
				35,00
			In the Treasury,	15,74
			Amount	50,74
Expenditures		33,10	Balance in the Treasury	17,64

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Rev. A. Burnham, Treas. of Gen. Asso. and find it well vouched and correctly cast. N. BOUTON, Auditor.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

To the General Association of New Hampshire, the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund, Report, that they held their Annual Meeting, June 4, 1851, in the study of their President, Dr. Bouton, and heard the Report of their Treasurer, and accepted it, and then elected the following officers for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. N. Bouton, President; A. Burnham, Secretary; Hon. F. N. Fisk, Treasurer; Messrs. Dr. Bouton, and Hon. S. Morrill, Auditors; Messrs. Bouton, Burnham and Fisk, Executive Committee.

Rev. D. Lancaster came into the meeting and proposed the widow of the late Dr. Cogswell as a beneficiary of the Widows' Charitable Fund. But as Mr. Lancaster brought no application from her, the case was deferred till a regular and authorized application should be made. Adjourned sine die. A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

Contribution after the sermon was $15,50.

After the adjournment, the Committee met, and made the following appropriations; viz.:

To Mrs. J. Thompson $20, to Mrs. M. Dow $20, to Mrs. L. Burge $20, to Mrs. M. Pillsbury $20, to Mrs. B. Hull $20, amounting to $100. And to Mrs. William Cogswell $20, provided she should make application, and it should be found that she is a proper object of this sacred charity. Adjourned sine die.

Attest, A. BURNHAM, Secretary.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	To	Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	53	130	183	2	4	6	1	2	1	4	2	2	4
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	40	75	115						1	1		2	2
Gilmanton East,	John C. Page,		15	30	45										
Gilmanton Centre,	Daniel Lancaster,	Dec. 16, 1836.	53	98	151	8	1	9	3	2		5	2	3	5
Sanbornton,	Abraham Bodwell,	Nov. 13, 1806.	50	100	150	2		2	3		1	4	1	2	3
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	16	31	47				2		1	3			
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	26	50	76					3		3		1	1
Loudon 1st church,	Edward F. Abbott,	Stated supply.													
Alton,															
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 20, 1804.	98	147	245										
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	46	124	170	0	4	4			2	2		5	5
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	21	41	62	1		1	4			4			
Thornton,	James Hobart,	Stated supply.	10	11	21										
Bridgwater,	Vacant.		5	7	12						1	1			
Hebron,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	4	20	24										
Groton,			17	17	34										

Rev. Charles Tenney, Gilmanton, without charge.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let	To	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Bethlehem,	Destitute.		10	16	26						1	1			
Franconia,			6	11	17										
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter.	Dec. 13, 1842.	36	93	129	14		14			2	2	10	2	12

Unsettled Ministers—Drury Fairbank, Littleton; David Sutherland, Bath.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Chichester,	Destitute, no report.														
Deerfield,	Wm. A. Patten,	July 18, 1850.			102	5		5		1	2	3	2	1	3
Epsom,	Rufus A. Putnam,	May, 1847.	36	69	105	2		2	1			1	1		1
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Jan. 1850.	36	53	89	5	4	9			2	2	3	5	8
Nottingham,	Charles Gates,	Stated supply.	3	5	8										
Pittsfield,	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.	56	105	161	2	5	7	3		1	4	1	3	4
Raymond,	No report.	Destitute.													
7	6		161	232	465	14	9	23	4	1	5	10	7	9	16

Unsettled Ministers—Josiah Prentice, Nathaniel Wells, E. Dow.

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let.	To	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	De.	To.	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	[illegible]	35	53		4	4			1	1			
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.	26	50	76	3	3	6	2		1	3	2	4	6
Candia,	Wm. Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	105	170	275	1		1	4		5	9		4	4
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	Aug. 27, 1846.	83	108	191	Last year's			report.						
Derry Presbyterian,	J. W. Wellman,	June 18, 1851.	105	150	255										
" Congregational,	Vacant.		32	83	115	Last year's			report.						
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1837.	31	55	86	2	1	3			2	2	2	1	3
Pelham,	E. B. Foster,	June 21, 1848.	20	66	86	1	5	6	2		5	7			
Salem,	John Lawrence,	Stated supply.	19	33	52	5	9	14			1	1	4	1	5
Windham,	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	60	87	147	1		1	3		4	7		3	3
					1336			35				33			21

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof	Let.	To	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Conway,*	Tappan,	1849.	28	40	68										
Moultonborough,	J. Dodge, Pastor,	Feb. 27, 1828.	36	50	86		6	6	1		2	3			
	J. B. Cook, Colleague,	Dec. 18, 1850.													
Ossipee,	H. Wood,	Stated supply.	25	35	60						2	2	4	1	1
Sandwich 1st church,	Destitute.		18	34	52	1		1							
" 2d church,	Destitute.		9	13	22				2			2			
Tamworth,	Samuel Kingsbury.	Supply.	60	129	189				2		5	7			
Tuftonborough,	S Merrill, $\frac{1}{4}$ of the time.		11	17	28										
Wakefield,	N. Barker,	Stated supply.	13	30	43				2			2			
Wolfborough, 1st church,	Destitute.		19	41	60		1	1	1		2	3		1	1
" 2d church,	S. Merrill,	Stated supply, $\frac{1}{2}$ the time.	22	32	54						1	1			
Effingham,*	E. Chapman,	Stated supply, $\frac{1}{2}$ the time.	9	26	35	1		1			1	1		1	1
					697	2	7	9	10		13	23		3	3

Ministers without charge—Jeremiah Blake, Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth; J. Hall, Wolfborough.

* Statistics taken from previous report.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	To	Dis	Ex.	De. To	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	90	212	302	8	6	14	4		3 7	3	2	5
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	25	52	77		3	3	4		4		5	5
Hollis,	M. D. Gordon,	March 21, 1849.	62	109	171	4		4	2		2			
Mason,	J. L. Arms,	Oct. 30, 1850.	37	59	96		2	2	3		2 5		2	2
Mason Village,														
Merrimack South,	Samuel H. Tolman,		11	23	34	1		1				1		1
Milford,	E. N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			268	3	7	10	3		2 5	2		2
Nashua, 1st church,	Daniel March,	Jan. 3, 1849.	69	331	410	6	14	20	3		1 4	4	2	6
Nashua, Olive st.,	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.	203	102	305	5	6	11	12		4 16	2	1	3
Nashua, Pearl st.,	L. Swain,		48	120	168	9	15	24	11		1 12			1
New Ipswich,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	89	198	287	1	6	7	33	3	7 43		2	2
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	84	147	231	6		6	4		7 11	1	6	7
Mont Vernon,	Charles G. Herbert,	Nov. 6, 1850.	57	114	171	13	15	28			3 3	3	4	7
Temple,	W. Follett,	July 25, 1844.												
Wilton,														
16	14				2520			127			112			

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let.	To	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover, } Wilmot, }	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	7	11	18									1	1
			13	14	27										
Boscawen East,	Caleb B. Tracy,	Sept. 13, 1837.			*220										
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	60	96	156	1	5	6	1		2	3		2	2
Bristol,	Daniel O. Morton,	June 8, 1842.			*29										
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	44	86	130		5	5	1		3	4		4	4
Concord First,	Nathaniel Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	62	190	252	3	4	7	4		4	8	3	4	7
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	64	127	191	8		8	2		3	5	3	6	9
Concord South,	Henry E. Parker.	May 14, 1851.			214	9	5	14	12			12	3	3	6
Concord East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	34	72	106										
Fisherville,	George W. Campbell,	Stated supply.	22	44	66	1		1						1	1
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	27	78	105	1	2	3	7			7	1		1
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	57	128	185		2	2	4		1	5		4	4
Hill,	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated supply.	14	33	47				1		2	3			
Hopkinton,	C. M. Cordley,	Sept. 5, 1849.	53	120	173	16		16	7	1	6	14	10	1	11
Loudon Village,	T. N. Jones,	Stated supply.	14	16	30				2		2	4			
Northfield and Sanbornto	n Bridge, Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	35	66	101	1	1	2	2		1	3	1	4	5
Pembroke,	J. H. Merrill,	Nov. 1850.			131	2	2	4	6		3	9	1	3	4
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldridge,	June 12, 1849.	39	54	*86										
Warner,	Abel Wood,	Stated supply.	41	43	*84										
20	19				2351			68				77			55

Unsettled Ministers—E. Price, Wm. Patrick, B. P. Stone, W. Fifield, A. Burnham, D. D., H. Wood. * Last year's report.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let.	To	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Baptisms. Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Bedford Pres. Church,	Thomas Savage,	'26.													
Dunbarton,	J. M. Putnam,	July 8, '30.	87	98	135	9	3	12	2		5	7	1		1
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	'37.			155	11	1	12			3	3			
Hudson,	William Page,	Aug. 14, '44.	26	57	83		4	4	3		4	7		3	3
Litchfield,	J. L. Seymour,	Stated supply.	6	14	20	2		2							
Londonderry,	T. G. Brainard,	Nov. 5, '40.	58	135	193	2	1	3					1		1
Manchester 1st,	C W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, '40.	76	192	298	11	8	19			2	2	6	12	18
" Franklin st.,	H. S. Clarke,				211	14	25	39	14		7	21			
Merrimack,	E. G. Little,	Sept. 4, '50.	26	61	87	5	3	8			5	5	1	11	12

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Bath,	Thomas Boutelle,	Stated supply.	44	92	136	49	3	52	1		1	2	26	2	28
Canaan,	No report.														
Haverhill,	Edward H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849.	36	105	141	31	1	32	4			4	16	5	21
Haverhill North,	Samuel Delano,	Stated supply.	No report.												
Lyme,	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831.	138	240	378	4		4	4		3	7			
Orford East,	No report.														
Orford West,	William Clark,	May 17, 1849.	30	74	104		2	2	1		1	2		4	4
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	No report.												
Wentworth,	J S. Davis,	June 20, 1822.	No report.												

Unsettled Ministers—Nathan Lord, D. D., J. M. Ellis, M. Searle.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	To	Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
First Church Alstead,	S. G. Tenney,	Stated supply.	23	56	79	1	3	4			1	1		4	4
New Alstead,	James W. Perkins,	Oct. 26, 1847.	50	62	112	2	1	3			4	4	1	1	2
Paper Mill Village,	Edwin Jennison,	Stated supply.	10	24	34				2	1	1	4		4	4
Chesterfield,	Wm. H. Marble,	Stated supply.	12	39	51	5	1	6	3		1	4	4		4
Dublin,	Alonzo Hayes,	April 30, 1851.	16	33	49						1	1		6	6
Fitzwilliam,	Abraham Jenkins, Jr.,	Feb. 16, 1848.	62	111	173	7	1	8	8	3	5	16	1	1	2
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	10	28	38		4	4	1			1		1	1
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould,	Oct. 30, 1844.	40	71	111	5	3	8						2	2
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, L. Tenney,	Dec. 10, 1782. March 19, 184 .	37	96	133	1		1	5		4	9	1	1	2
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.,	July 1, 1818.	66	227	293	7	5	12	2		8	10	1	8	9
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	28	65	93		1	1	3			3		2	2
Nelson,	Daniel L. French,	Nov. 4, 1842.	45	65	110				4	1	4	9		3	3
Harrisville,	W. G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	25	46	71		1	1	1		1	2		1	1
Roxbury,	Bezaleel Smith,	Stated supply.	11	19	30				2			2			
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson, D. D,	Jan. 5, 1803.	8	32	40	2		2			2	2	2		2
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb 4, '45.	27	64	91		1	1	3			3		1	1
Surry,															
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 15, '36.	20	48	68	5		5							
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, '45.	23	50	73		1	1	3		2	5			
Walpole,	E. H. Barstow,	August 6, '45	31	94	125	1	7	8	4		1	5		1	1
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	45	115	160	24		24	1	2	2	5	15	7	22
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, '47.	65	126	191	7	2	9	4	2	5	11	4	6	10
	16		654	1471	2125	67	31	98	46	9	42	97	29	49	78

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let	To	Dis.	Ex.	De.	To	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, '45.	17	30	47										
Brentwood,	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, '41.	22	53	75										
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, '45.	79	278	357	6		6			5	5	1	1	2
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, '33.	10	55	65		1	1	2		2	4		4	4
Epping,	Lyman White,	Stated supply.	17	34	51	6	4	10			2	2	5		5
Exeter first church,	R. D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, '45.	44	83	127	2	3	5	3		4	7	2	2	4
Exeter second church,	Isaac Hurd,	Sept. 11, '17.													
Farmington,	R. M. Sargent,	Stated supply.	10	14	24	1	1	2							
Greenland,	Vacant.		14	38	52	1		1			1	1			
Hampton,	Solomon P. Fay,	Sept. 7, '49.	63	133	196	1	2	3		6	3	9	1	1	2
Kingston,	Charles Willey,	Stated supply.	16	46	62						1	1			
Milton,	James Doldt,	Stated supply.	27	56	83	1		1	1		1	2		1	1
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	7	20	27										
Newington,	Destitute.			5	5										
Newmarket,	Elliott C. Cogswell,	Stated supply.	14	31	45	1		1	6	5		11	1	4	5
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D. D.	Nov. 18, 1801.	58	89	147	2	2	4	1		3	4		3	3
Portsmouth,	Rufus W. Clark,	Nov, 16, '42.	81	264	345	9	4	13	3		4	7	2	7	9
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, '43.	20	78	98	3	3	6			4	4	2	3	5
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, '47.	35	75	110						3	3			
Seabrook & Hamp. Falls,	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, '37.	25	49	74	3	2	5	2		1	3	2	3	5
Salmon Falls,	Vacant.		30	58	88	9	6	15	2			2	7		7
Somersworth, Great Falls,	James T. McCollom,	Oct. 2, '44.	40	108	148	4		4	4	1	1	6	4		4
South Newmarket,	Charles E. Lord,	Stated supply.	6	18	24									1	1
Stratham,	J. R. Whittemore,	Stated supply.	17	36	53										
24	21							76				60			

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Total	Prof.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	Total
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	71	103	174		4	4	5		9	14		14	14
Charlestown,	J. DeF. Richards,	May 26, 1841.	22	49	71				1	1		2			
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	61	128	189		12	12	10	1	2	13		2	2
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	30	52	82	1	2	3	1		4	5		2	2
Croydon,	Joel Davis,	Stated supply.	31	49	80						1	1			
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 2, 1842.	81	139	226	9	7	16	9	3	3	15	6	1	7
Enfield,	Destitute.														
Goshen,	No report.														
Langdon,	Nelson Barber,	Stated supply.													
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	41	95	136	3	5	8	2		1	3	2		2
Lempster 1st,	Robert Page,	Stated supply.	32	46	81		1	1			1	1		2	2
Lempster 2d,	No report.														
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840.	30	50	80	13	4	17			4	4	6	4	10
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851.	72	121	193	6	1	7	6		4	10	3	1	4
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	8	29	37	2		2					1		1
Unity,	No report.														
Washington,			10	33	43	1	1	2	1		2	3			
West Lebanon,*	Rufus Case,	June, 1851.	30	27	57										
		* Last year's report.			1449	35	37	72	35	5	31	71	18	26	44

Unsettled Ministers—Prof. C. B. Haddock, Prof. D. J. Noyes, David Kimball, Hanover.
Licentiates—Prof. John N. Putnam, Dartmouth College; C. S. Richards, Meriden.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals				Baptisms.		
			Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	To.	Dis.	Ex.	Die.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	Total
Antrim,	J. M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.	47	123	170	33	3	36	2	1	2	5		1	1
Bennington,	C. E. Ransom,	Stated supply.	10	40	50			6			1	5			
Bradford,	D. Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	17	43	60						4	4		1	1
Deering,	Wm. P. Gale,	Stated supply.	12	27	39						1	1		1	1
Francestown,	Destitute.				367	8	5	13	4		6	10		7	7
Greenfield, Evangelical,	Jonathan McGee,	Stated supply.	34	58	92	3	1	4			2	2		7	7
" Congregational,	J. Le Bosquet,	Stated supply.	37	73	110						2	2		8	8
Hancock,	A. Bigelow,	May 15, 1850.	63	132	195	1	2	3	1	3	5	9	1	3	4
Hillsborough Centre,	C. C. Durgin,	Stated supply.	33	55	88			4	4		2	6			3
" Bridge,	J. Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	18	36	54	3		3			3	3	1		1
Lyndeborough,	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.	52	85	137		1	1	4		2	6			1
New Boston,	E. M. Kellogg,	June 25, 1846.	53	112	165	2		2	5	1	5	11	2	2	4
Peterborough,	H. J. Lamb,	July 14, 1847.			160										

NOTE. The returns from Francestown, Greenfield Congregational, Lyndeborough, New Boston, and Peterborough, are taken from last year's report.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Colebrook,	**Joseph B. Hill,**	**Stated supply.**	**18**	**37**	**55**									**3**	**3**
Dalton,	**Destitute.**		**8**	**19**	**27**						**1**	**1**			
Lancaster,	**Stephen A. Barnard,**	**Stated supply.**	**11**	**57**	**68**	**1**		**1**			**3**	**3**	**1**	**4**	**5**
Stewartstown,	**Destitute.**		**14**	**20**	**34**	**1**		**1**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**5**		**3**	**3**
Whitefield,	**Destitute.**														
5	2		**51**	**133**	**184**	**2**		**2**	**1**	**1**	**7**	**9**	**1**	**10**	**11**

Josiah Morse, Stewartstown, without charge.

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Com'cants.	Added.	Removed.	Bap.
Belknap,	16	13	1335	22	27	20
Caledonia,	3	1	172	14	2	12
Deerfield,	7	6	465	23	10	16
Derry,	10	9	1336	35	33	21
Harmony,	11	8	697	9	23	3
Hollis,	16	14	2520	127	112	41
Hopkinton,	20	19	2351	68	57	55
Lancaster,	5	2	184	2	9	11
Manchester,	9	9	1232	99	45	35
Monadnock,	22	22	2125	98	97	78
Orange,	9	6	759	90	15	53
Piscataqua,	24	21	2303	77	71	60
Sullivan,	18	13	1449	72	71	46
Union,	13	12	1687	65	59	39
Total,	178	165	17,605	801	631	490

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

As reported last year.

Belknap,	Rufus Childs
Caledonia,	E. I. Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes.
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Harmony,	
Hollis,	D. Goodhue.
Hopkinton,	W. Fifield.
Lancaster.	
Manchester,	J. L. Seymour.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua,	James Boutwell.
Sullivan,	R. F. Lawrence.
Union,	J. M. Whiton.

NOTICE.—The Committee of Publication had intended to print the Minutes in about two weeks after the adjournment; but the Editor of the Congregational Journal having retained the copy of the Narrative and Pastoral Address two weeks, has occasioned unavoidable delay till now.

The Statistics should be prepared with more care, and the footings properly made. We have used our endeavors to secure accuracy; but some figures are so indistinct that we may have made mistakes. The returns which stand against Haverhill were placed opposite to Canaan. We supposed it a mistake.

FORM OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Di.	Exc.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	Tot.
Totals.															

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.**	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Belk. & Carroll.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.
Merrimack,	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.
Hillsborough,	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. & Jan.	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. & March.	April & May.	June & July.	Aug. & Sept.	Oct. & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.

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The General Association of New Hampshire assembled at Pittsfield, in the Congregational Meeting House, on Tuesday, August 24, 1852, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The meeting was opened by a Sermon from Rev. Moses Gerould, upon 1 Cor. 3: 9. At the close of the sermon, the Preacher took the Chair, the credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were presented, and the following members found to constitute the General Association:—

Rev. Giles Leach, Charles Shedd,	Belknap Association.	
E. I. Carpenter,	Caledonia	"
Otis Holmes,	Deerfield	"
J. W. Wellman, L. Armsby,	Derry	"
Stephen Merrill, Jona. B. Cook,	Harmony	"
J. M. Ellis, J. L. Armes, A. W. Burnham,	Hollis	"
E. F. Buxton, J. M. R. Eaton, E. D. Eldridge, C. Curtice,	Hopkinton	"
C. W. Wallace, T. P. Sawin,	Manchester	"
B. Smith, M. Gerould, J. P. Humphrey, Ezra Adams,	Monadnock	"
Lyman White, James Boutwell, Asa Mann,	Piscataqua	"

R. F. Lawrence, D. J. Noyes, } Sullivan "

Jona. McGee, J. LeBosquet, } Union "

J. K. Young, Secretary, A. P. Tenney, Treasurer, M. H. Wells, of Pittsfield, } Members Ex Officio.

H. M. Dexter, from General Association of Massachusetts.

S. S. Hyde, from Consociation of Rhode Island.

J. M. Sturtevant, D. D., from General Association of Illinois.

George H. Atkinson, from Oregon Association.

R. W. Dunlap, from General Assembly (O. S.) Presbyterian Church.

R. A. Smith, from General Assembly (N. S.) Presbyterian Church.

D. Pinkerton, from General Convention Presbyterian and Congregational Churches Wisconsin.

Lancaster and Orange Associations were not represented.

The Association was organized by the choice of

Rev. M. Gerould, Moderator.

J. LeBosquet, Scribe.

J. Bcutwell, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the Body were then read by the Secretary, and prayer offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Lawrence, Wells and Shedd were chosen Committee of Nomination and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Ellis, White, Tenney, Dunlap and Hyde, a Committee to take minutes of the Narratives and prepare a Report of the same; when it was

Voted, to adjourn to half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

A communication from the General Association of Iowa was read, and referred to the Committee of Overtures.

On motion, prayer was offered by Rev. James Hobart, with particular reference to the severe drought that now prevails in this part of the country.

The Narratives of the State of Religion within the bounds of the bodies represented, were then given.

At half past three the Narratives were suspended for a few moments, during which remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Sturtevant, and prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Cummings, (Baptist,) of Pittsfield.

Rev. Worcester Willey made some statements in regard to the Cherokee Association, and offered prayer; when it was

Voted, to adjourn to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, August 25.

At eight o'clock, the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Merrill; and the record of the doings of the preceding day was read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted; and it was

Voted, That the expenses incurred by the Secretary and Treasurer in the discharge of their duties, be paid from the Treasury.

Voted, to appoint ten Delegates to attend the Congregational Convention to be held in the Autumn, at Albany, N. Y.

The following were the Delegates appointed: Rev. Messrs. J. K. Young, M. H. Wells, L. Armsby, N. Barbour, Samuel Lee, J. Cummings, J. T. McCollom, D. J. Noyes, A. Tobey, M. Gerould, W. Fifield.

Rev. Messrs. Shedd, Burnham, Wallace and Page, (the last by letter,) reported their attendance and reception at the meetings of the various bodies to which they were delegated last year.

Voted, to raise a Tax of fifty cents on each member to defray the expenses of the coming year.

Rev. Messrs. Leach and Carpenter were constituted a Committee to designate the place of meeting next year, and the Association to provide the Preacher—who subsequently reported Littleton as the place, and the Sullivan Association to furnish the Preacher.

At nine o'clock, the Association resolved itself into a Conference for half an hour, for the consideration of the Sabbath School Cause; after which, the N. H. Branch of the American Education Society held its Annual Meeting; the Cause of Collegiate Education at the West was presented; also that of the Cherokee Indian Mission.

Rev. C. W. Wallace and C. Curtice, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Report upon the subject of Temperance, to be presented this afternoon.

Adjourned to half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. A. P. Tenney was chosen Treasurer, and Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Auditor.

The Pastoral Letter was reported by Rev. Mr. Murdock; accepted, and referred to the Publishing Committee.

Rev. Messrs. Carpenter and Jewett were appointed to prepare the Pastoral Address for next year.

For preacher before Communion service next year, Rev. C. Curtice was chosen Primary: Rev. W. R. Jewett substitute.

Rev. D. Kimball and the Scribes were constituted Publishing Committee.

Then Addresses were made in behalf of the American Missionary Association, and in relation to the progress of Evangelization at the West; when the Resolutions previously reported, upon the subject of Temperance, were taken up, discussed and passed, by a standing and unanimous vote:—the Resolutions being as follows:

Resolved, 1. That that the cause of Temperance is intimately connected with the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on the earth.

Resolved, 2. That the success of this cause imperatively demands the enactment of a Law similar to that now in force in Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, designed to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Resolved, 3. That, with the blessing of God, we will never cease to labor and pray, until such a Law is placed upon the statute book of our own State.

The remainder of the afternoon was occupied with the meeting of the New Hampshire Bible Society.

Adjourned to quarter before eight to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.

Met at quarter before eight o'clock. Prayer by Rev. O. Holmes, followed by the reading of the Minutes of yesterday.

The following Report of nomination of Delegates to Foreign Bodies, was presented by the Committee of Overtures, which was accepted and adopted :

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. W. R. Jewett, Primary, Rev. L. White, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. M. Gerould, Primary, Rev. W. Wright, Substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. J. Scales, Primary, Rev. N. Barbour, Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Primary, Rev. A. Richards, Substitute.

To the Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. T. G. Brainerd, Primary, Rev. G. Leach, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. T. S. Norton, Primary, Rev. J. Richards, D. D., Substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. E. H. Greeley.

General Association of Michigan, Rev. H. Wood, Primary, Rev. W. P. Gale, Substitute.

To the General Association of Illinois, Rev. A. Jenkins, Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker, Substitute.

To the General Association of Iowa, Rev. C. Shedd, Primary, Rev. B. P. Stone, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Pres. Church, O. S., Rev. A. Tobey, Primary, Rev. W. T. Savage, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Pres. Church, N. S., Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Primary, Rev. M. H. Wells, Substitute.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Chh., Rev. S. Lee.

Rev. Stephen Merrill obtained leave of absence.

The Report of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented and accepted.

Voted, To publish six hundred copies of the Minutes.

A paper was introduced, and discussed somewhat, proposing alterations in the method of conducting the business of this body ; it was referred to the following Committee, to be reported upon next year : Rev. Messrs. J. Cummings, I. Willey, J. Boutwell, N. Bouton, D. D., and A. P. Tenney.

The question, " Shall the General Association invite the correspondence of other Evangelical Bodies in this State ?" was referred to the above Committee, to be reported upon next year.

The following brethren were appointed to give certificates of regular standing to Ministers and Candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State :—Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., Jonathan French, D. D., J. T. McCollom, Amos W. Burnham, N. Lord, D. D., John Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., A. Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, and S. T. Abbott.

Voted, to recommend the observance of the Third Friday of September next, as a day of Fasting and Prayer for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the churches of the State and the land. Also, that there be a more general observance of the last Thursday in February, as a day of Fasting and Prayer for Colleges.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to the people of this place for their kind and generous hospitality, and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and accepted, and at 10 o'clock, the Association gave place to the meeting of the New Hampshire Missionary Society : after which meeting,

Voted, to refer the report of the state of religion to the publishing Committee, to be published in the Minutes.

Voted, to adjourn after public service in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, Rev. A. W. Burnham preached from John 12 : 24 ; and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. John Richards, D. D. and Rev. Jonathan McGee.

Adjourned *sine die*.

MOSES GEROULD, *Moderator*.

JOHN LEBOSQUET, *Scribe*.

JAMES BOUTWELL, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In the review of the past year, we have to report, the removal of but one of our number by death ; and, recording, for the last time, with lingering sadness, the endeared name of Rev. Daniel O. Morton, we are admonished, again, to work while it is day.

The general, outward prosperity of our churches in New Hampshire, is indicated in the prevalence of harmony and good order ; in the building, enlargement and remodeling of churches, and in the ordinary attendance on public worship.

Spiritual blessings, also, demand our grateful praise, especially in the effusion of the Divine Spirit upon the churches in Nashua, Hollis, North Hampton, Canterbury, Loudon, Meredith Bridge, New Ipswich, Hampstead, Merrimack, Westmoreland, Atkinson, Fisherville, Derry, Sanbornton, Manchester, Hanover, Goffstown, West Boscawen, Concord North, and Meriden. And, in view of the alarming decrease of candidates for the ministry, we rejoice to learn that several young men are found among the converts, of hopeful promise for the sacred office. In other churches, some mercy drops have fallen ; and, in others still, where the want of spiritual life is greatly to be deplored, hope yet prevails, from providential indications, that his mercy is not clean gone forever. Here and there, too, a church reported as extinct, is found to be yet alive. Some new churches are starting into life ; among which, the missionary church at Manchester is full of promise. And churches temporarily depressed by the emigration of members, are often comforted again by seeing them reappear in churches rising in our new villages or on the Pacific coast, and sometimes in positions of fourfold usefulness in the work of Christ.

The Academies of our State and our time-honored College, are all reported as unusually prosperous. Some of them have shared richly in the converting influences of the Holy Spirit — as Atkinson, New Ipswich, Meriden, and the Teachers' Institute at Merrimack. Several conversions, too, have occurred in the College. And to-day there comes to this body, in behalf of that ancient institution, and the birthplace of so many souls in former years, *the earnest entreaty for the prayers of God's people*, such as ceased not in years gone by, to go up from the domestic altar, as well as from the public sanctuary, and which so often brought down copious showers of converting grace upon the assembled youth of our land. It must be admitted that one of the *darkest aspects of our Zion*, is, the remarkable difficulty of awakening in our ministers and churches that spirit of united and importunate prayer for our College, that distinguished the devotional exercises of our fathers. Nor have we any scriptural ground of hope, that our College will ever be visited with revival influences as formerly, or that our young men will consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry, until the *divinely appointed relation between prayer and the work of the Spirit*, shall be more truly considered and appreciated, and men of faith shall say, in solemn earnestness, God forbid that we should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for the Col-

lege. And may we not add, that this is now the more imperious duty, since the increased facilities of the College, by the addition of the "Chandler School," will draw larger numbers together for good or for evil.

The subject of TEMPERANCE has not secured such attention from the friends of humanity, religion and law, as the cause demands.—Should the ministry of New Hampshire give back, or so far overlook the manifestations of Providence, as to fail *now* to put forth their wisest and best efforts, in conjunction with good men in other States, in this desperate conflict with the prince of darkness, the very "stones would cry out." But the stones will not be left to cry out in the silence of Heaven's appointed heralds of mercy, (as the resolutions, unanimously passed by this body testify;) and it will be the voice of God speaking in them. And the voice of every friend of humanity — and of every wife and mother and every child of inherited sorrow, robbed, and made wretched by the treacherous, murderous hand of rum-traffic, shall be heard, not only in petitions to the Legislature, but shall go up in one united agonizing cry to *God*, that "He will give our SENATORS wisdom," and fidelity, and courage, no longer to permit the sacred majesty of the law to protect the *crime-maker*, and the *pauper-maker* and frown on the sorrowing and the helpless, and mock their tears. "And all the people shall say Amen."

In regard to the cause of SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE and CHRISTIAN ENTERPRIZE, the reports exhibit instances of progress; yet very much remains to be done. Thirst for wealth and haste to be rich are working their legitimate results; and, unless the spirit of christian liberality can be actively developed, in proportion to the vast accumulation of wealth in the country, we shall soon have the most fearful demonstration of the spirit of *idolatry*, in the form of covetousness, coming over the land and over the churches,—and, if persisted in, all the prophets tell what judgments await us. The element of mischief is that love of money that is the root of all evil.—It robs Christ of his inheritance, and his ministers of their bread. It unsettles and depresses the ministry and beggars it, and deters young men from entering it. It is eating into the very vitals of the church as doth a canker. Blasting and mildew follow and spiritual death. And worldliness ensues, insatiable as the grave, and contagious as the plague. Multitudes forsake the house of God and the place of prayer, and cease to keep holy day. Regions once cultivated are becoming a desolation; in so much that one District Association calculates the time when, at the present rate, it must cease to exist! This absorbing selfishness controls multitudes who have solemnly covenanted with *Him* who has covenanted in blood. And where shall the end be?

But, while compelled to look on these gloomy features of our field, we are greatly animated with reports from our Sunday Schools.—These heaven-born institutions greet us this year with unusual interest as peculiarly related to the revivals reported from our churches. When told of 125 gathered into one church in a single year, it is natural to enquire what special influences have contributed to results so

glorious. And the answer, in this case is, most devoted pastoral labor and care, in connexion with quite unusual fidelity in Sunday School instruction.

They have made a great discovery ; infinitely more important than all that comes from the Patent Office at Washington. "For thirty-five years," says a venerable and esteemed teacher, "for thirty-five years have I been engaged as a Sunday School teacher ; but I have just found that I never knew any thing about Sunday School teaching till this winter. I had supposed, for 35 years, that when the lessons were well recited, and a few earnest and serious remarks were made, our work was done. But this winter has shown us that it was not yet begun !—and that all these lessons of Geography, Chronology, and Biography were all as nothing. *This winter, we sought the salvation of the soul.* The beginning, middle and end of our teaching has been to pluck perishing souls from everlasting burnings. No teacher ever thought of resting a moment till this was realized. Thus whole classes, one after another, were converted to God."

The work commenced in the class of a teacher, whose liability to instant death from chronic disease, admonished him continually that he might be on the last hour of his probation. So he labored, and so he prayed. Soon all his class felt it, and conversions became frequent, so as to attract the attention of other teachers. Thus the fire burned ; and the holy flame spread from teacher to teacher, and from scholar to scholar, like the cloven tongues of flame at the pentecost, visible to spiritual eyes, and felt by spiritual hearts, until the place, where they were gathered together, was filled with the Holy Ghost, and, baptized anew, they spake with tongues as they never had spoken before. "This," said the devoted teacher, "This is the way in all this glorious work, that God has wrought in us, and, by us ; in connexion with the most marked adaptation of every Sermon by our Pastor, to the peculiar state of mind and the varying wants of the congregation through every stage of the revival ; showing that his heart was in full sympathy with the work of God, watching for souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief." Rarely has there been a more instructive illustration of the great christian axiom, that *just in proportion to the wisdom and faithfulness and perseverance employed in the application of truth for the conversion of men, will the blessing be found.* Why may we not all resolve on the benefit of this great discovery in Sunday School teaching, and though late, begin our lives anew ? Who can tell what riches of mercy may be in store for us the coming year !

But while we celebrate the divine goodness, deploring the want of more abundant fruits of holiness among ourselves, we are greatly refreshed by the coming of delegates from corresponding bodies with their cheering reports. We receive, and most cordially reciprocate their fraternal congratulations. But especially do we sympathize with our brethren from the new States and Territories of the West, whence they come, toil-worn and weary, from laying the first foundations of education and religion, in those vast uncultivated regions of the new world. We have listened with deep interest to the eloquent remarks of the delegate from Illinois on the signal success of

the gospel there, especially, on the Colleges of the State, as an essential element of evangelization. From the feeblest beginnings, in some 28 years, 150 Congregational churches are reported; and the *last* has been a year of the right hand of the Most High. Some 1200 have been hopefully converted within their bounds during the year. Besides these, there are some 120 Presbyterian churches in the State; and most devoutly do we hope the catholic spirit of the delegate from Illinois may pervade all the churches and ministers of these respective denominations.

But we welcome, with more than ordinary interest, the first delegate from the General Association of Congregational Ministers from OREGON, reporting churches, schools and an incipient College. In devout gratitude to the "Head of the Church triumphant," and, militant, we may now unite our hearts with our brethren in the Occident, in language no longer prophetic,

"And sing his name from shore to shore."

All hail, to the founders of Puritan institutions on the shores of the Pacific. The Bible and the domestic altar;—the meeting-house and the school-house;—the church and the College! And we not only tender to them our sympathy, but our cordial cooperation in the more substantial aid they ask, in a work so magnificent in design, so arduous in execution, and so full of promise to the church, the country, and the world.

But yesterday, the first builders, from the Mayflower, laid the great corner-stone of Congregational order, in the enduring elements of christian education, on the eastern shores of the new New World,—the unbroken wilderness, and the unbroken shadows of pagan darkness stretching away before them to the setting sun! Could those first builders have imagined such results as we now see, *as possible* in so short a time, what acclamations would have rent the air, and what solemn anthems have gone up to the God of the Pilgrims and the God of their children! But such visions of the future were not meet even for *their* faith, however severely disciplined. It was left for *us* to finish their work as to the broad extent of their foundation, and to bring forth the head-stone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. BUT THE TIME IS SHORT! Surely, God is compassing our whole land with indications of vast designs of mercy. The rapid developement of His plans startle, and almost confound us. He invites our cooperation and waits to be gracious. Why shall we not awake out of sleep? If the prayer of the prophet, of like passions with ourselves, was answered in copious rain on the parched earth, why do we not ask in faith for *spiritual* rain? Doth God take care for oxen! He who gave his Son to die for the lost, will he now be slow to hear prayer for lost souls?

In the language of the late Dr. Cornelius, "It will take a hundred centuries, at the present rate, for the world to be converted." Who is satisfied with this? Shall not each of us charge his own soul to enquire what share of this delay shall be found in him when God shall make inquisition for blood. We may not resolve this delay into divine sovereignty and rest there, till we *know* that all divinely-ap-

pointed instrumentalities have been truly and faithfully applied: as well may we pray, Give us day by day our daily bread, and cease to plough. What a spectacle for the "Great cloud of witnesses" to look upon, is the professor who stupidly folds his hands in contemplation of divine sovereignty when he knows, as has been reported to this body, that one-third or one-half of all the people around him, are hastening to everlasting ruin, never entering the house of God. "What thou doest do quickly."

JOHN M. ELLIS, *Chairman.*

PASTORAL LETTER.

BRETHREN IN CHRIST!

A truth developed and confirmed by history, is, that each period has characteristics peculiarly its own. Another truth ever to be kept by the side of this, is, that christian character ought to be adapted to each period: or, that those traits of christian character, demanded by the exigencies of the times, shall be particularly and fully unfolded. The wisdom of associating these two truths and being greatly influenced by them, has been abundantly illustrated in all the experience of the church. Never, perhaps, was it more apparent than in the present state of the world. There are features of that state which cannot but arrest the attention of the christian and impress him with the need of a character specially moulded for them. To some of these we shall allude, as the ground of our suggestions to you, with whom we mingle in the earnest conflicts of the christian warfare.

The DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE is a prominent feature of the present age.

Four centuries since the press was unknown, and a fortune was required to purchase a copy of the word of God. Within less than half that period the newspaper press began its work; and it has now no superior in the compass of human agencies for power. The modes of communicating intelligence have been correspondingly improved, till its transmission is now only equalled in rapidity by the quickness of thought. The public mind, throughout the world, is moved in consequence and has received an impulse which it will and must obey. There are also extraordinary facilities for reaching and influencing that mind — facilities never before enjoyed, for inculcating, to any extent, moral and religious truth; and facilities equally great, for diffusing sentiments destructive of good order and virtue, together with our present civil and religious institutions. Knowledge is being widely and rapidly diffused.

Equally evident is an existing spirit of restlessness tending to disorganization. This is inclined to wage a war of extermination against all that is pure and of good report. Nothing is too venerable, and nothing too humble, to escape its attacks. Its demands would only be satisfied by the destruction of our temples of worship; the ruin of

our churches; the prostitution of the Sabbath, and the reversal of all those influences now tending to purify the heart and link the soul to God. Nor would this be enough; for its sacrilegious hand is raised against all our most valued domestic, social and civil relations. Its aim seems to be, to dry up some of our richest fountains of happiness, and to rest only when virtue, law and right shall cease to be.

Another feature of the present time is its SECULAR ENTERPRIZE. Never, probably, in the history of the world has this been so universal and absorbing. It pervades the civilized world, and apparently pre-occupies its time and thoughts. It has made neighbors of distant nations, and brought the heathen world to our very doors. In every land are citizens of almost every other land, pursuing their appropriate callings, and quietly and perhaps unconsciously, preparing to bind together the whole family of man in one peaceful and prosperous brotherhood. The spirit to which we allude pervades preeminently our citizens, and is evident in every walk of life, and every department of exertion. A degree of energy and power, previously unknown, has thus been developed. Properly direct this, and it will work mightily for the renovation of the nations and the salvation of man; but let it be misdirected and the most dread ruin must ensue.

Another feature still of the present time is ABSORBING AND INCREASING INFIDELITY.

It is not, indeed, the brazen-fronted infidelity of a former time, which openly deified reason and gloried in its blasphemies against God; but it is more dangerous, and far more difficult to meet. It works like the Jesuit, slyly and unwarily insinuating itself into the very sources of thought and feeling and truth, until these fountains are corrupted and the work of death, all unsuspected, is done. It is a kind of infidelity which springs from the restlessness of the times. It casts suspicion on all religion and its professors. It talks largely of faith, and providence, and prayer, and all forms of worship, but in reality it mocks at them all as old and stale ideas. It sneers at all the efforts of the earnest disciples of Christ to spread the gospel, and is the religion of the man who never prays. Yet under some of its various forms it is both in the church and out of the church, and is one of the most subtle and dangerous foes with which the church has to contend.

In view of such features of the present as these, there is an obvious and fearful responsibility resting upon those, who have engaged in the enterprize of moulding the entire world for God. We think there are elements of christian character thus designated as specially needful.

Among these, or rather beneath them all, is an *all-pervading piety.*

A piety is needed which permeates the life and operates in every act. Without this the soldiers of the cross will be of little service on the field of conflict. To be a good soldier, or to honor Christ any where, a christian must be a christian always and every where— not in the sanctuary, and the Sabbath School, and the meeting for prayer only, but in the family, and in all his business relations, and in

the political assembly. He must be always serving God and doing good—not shrinking from responsibility, nor forsaking the cause of Christ when popularity or personal reputation are endangered—not hesitating in duty, till the direction of the popular current is ascertained or secretly indulging in practices of doubtful morality. He needs to take high and decided ground in favor of every thing good, and against every thing evil, and to occupy it in the fear of God and as the servant of Jesus Christ. "Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good."

Associate with this piety the element of *intelligence*. Christians need power for good. Knowledge communicates a portion of that power. An acquaintance with the gospel and acquaintance with the world will do it — the gospel in its spirit as well as the creeds and systems in which its doctrines are taught — and the world in all those things which tend to make it "wiser than the children of light." If christians have not as much general knowledge as other men; nay, if they have not more, in proportion to their means of acquisition, they will be but poorly qualified for their department of the great work committed to the church.

The state of the times demands also *efficiency*. This is needed in every department of christian duty, but primarily in direct efforts to advance the kingdom of Christ. The highest degree of enterprize man knows, needs to be brought to bear on the promotion of the best interests of the church and the conversion of the world. The enemies of God and truth rest not. Error is rapidly spreading. The most dangerous forms of infidelity are secretly stealing their way over the world. The man of Sin is making strenuous efforts to plant his foot firmly on the neck of all Protestant christendom. Civil oppression triumphs, and the salvation of the world lingers. It is not, therefore, a time in which christians can, without deep guilt, be inactive, or unenterprizing in the cause of the Redeemer. The work at home and abroad is imperious in its claims, and is sufficient to employ and exhaust all the resources of the church. So we should ever consider it and gird ourselves for corresponding effort. Our Great Leader seems, now authoritatively, to be saying to us, "Be watchful to discover, prompt to undertake, and energetic to accomplish every thing practicable for my cause and kingdom." "Do with your might what your hands find to do, and do it now."

Fearlessness and decision should eminently characterize the christian. Men of the world are decided and undaunted in their pursuits, and if christians are not equally so, they must expect their own defeat and the triumph of the hosts of wickedness. Obviously, men who are afraid to be singular — who shrink from meeting the full tide of obloquy and scorn which "those that will live godly in Christ Jesus" must expect — men who dare not speak above their breath for God and holiness, are not the christians which the present exigencies demand. We need men of a hardier spirit, who shall be both living witnesses for the truth and bold contenders for the faith. The divine requirement is, "Stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." Giving heed to it, the moral energies of the

church would be so used, and the forces of the enemy would be stayed and ultimately defeated.

These are some of the leading traits of christian character needed to meet the necessities of the present time. We come to ask you, christian brethren, to seek earnestly this attainment. Do it by obtaining for yourselves and securing for others as much as possible of religious intelligence, by a more full and familiar acquaintance with the instructions of the Bible bearing upon these points; by a thorough discipline in benevolent action, and by a most cordial co-operation in the work of God, with all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

Let us not solicit of you, in vain, 1st, a renewed dedication of yourselves and your all to God. You are not your own, but Christ's. That truth you admitted, when, in the freshness of your first love, you publicly covenanted to be the Lord's. That was an act full of meaning. All that you was and had you promised should subserve the interests of Christ's kingdom. Fulfil that pledge, by bringing all the tithes into the storehouse and thus prove anew the fidelity of God.

2d. Increased diligence in the use of the means of grace. A living church must have its sanctuary, its Sabbath worship, its social bands that often bow in prayer, its domestic altars, fragrant with the morning and evening sacrifice, and its closet where each member comes alone to meet his God. In proportion as these are neglected the church will languish. If they are deserted, it will die. Be you faithful in the use of all the appointed means of grace.

And, 3dly, That your leading errand at the throne of grace originate in the present state of the church and the perishing world.—The work of reviving the one and saving the other is a great work. God's Spirit only is equal to to it. Under His wise suggestions and powerful aid, the feeblest instrumentality will become mighty to convince and convert. Then, "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart; Wait, we say, on the Lord."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Hampshire,
In account with A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer.

DR.	To paid L. Tenney's bill for freight on Minutes, -	,50
	Rev. Dr. Barstow's bill for postage, &c. -	1,77
	Rev. D. Kimball's bill for printing Minutes, doing up, and Postage on them, - -	35,50
	Rev. J. K. Young's bill for Postage, - -	1,99
	Baldwin & Farrington for printing blank Church and Associational returns, - -	6,42
	For Treasurer's book, - - -	,25
	Expenditures,	$46,43

CR. By Union Association for 1850,	4,00	Harmony,	2,00
" " 1851,	3,00	Deerfield,	3,00
Piscataqua	8,00	Lancaster,	1,00
Monadnock	7,00	Derry,	1,50
Belknap	2,50	Hopkinton,	7,00
Hollis	5,50	Former Treasurer,	17,64
		Receipts,	$62,14
			46,43
		Balance in the Treasury,	15,71

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of Rev. A. P. Tenney, Treas. of N. H. Gen. Association, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched. N. BOUTON, Auditor.

Concord, Aug. 1852.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

To the General Association of New Hampshire the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund report—That they held their Annual Meeting June 3, 1852, in the study of Rev. Dr. Bouton, and heard the Report of the Treasurer and accepted it; and then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, to wit, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., President, S. Morril, Secretary, P. T., Hon. F. N. Fisk, Treasurer, and Messrs. N. Bouton and S. Morril, Auditors, Messrs. Bouton, Morril and Fisk, Executive Committee The Rev. Dr. Burnham on account of his infirmities declined any further service as Secretary of the Board: thereupon a vote of thanks was presented to him for his long and faithful services.

SAMUEL MORRIL, Sec. P. T.

After the adjournment the Committee met and made the following appropriations:—

To Mrs Ruth B. Thompson $25, to Mrs. Moses Dow $25, to Mrs. Lucretia Burge $25, to Mrs. Mary Pillsbury $25, to Mrs. Betsy Hull $25, to Mrs. Joanna S. Cogswell $25, to Mrs. Calvin Cutler $25, to Mrs. Abby Lawton $25—amounting to $200.

SAMUEL MORRIL, Sec. P. T.

The Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund acknowledges the receipt of the following sums since his last Report, viz.

1852. June 2.	From a contribution at the Pastoral Convention,	$20,48
	Cong. Church and Society, Newport,	4,20
	Cong. Church and Society, Bennington,	5,50
	Cong. Church and Society, Lempster,	3,15
	Rev. Daniel Sawyer, Hill,	2,00
9.	Cong. Church and Society, Brentwood,	4,00
	Rev. J. Boutwell, formerly of do.	1,00
July 23.	From dividend on 11 shares in N. Railroad,	27,50
	dividend No. 44 at Savings Bank,	6,56
	Total	73,39

The Treas'r. has paid out the following sums during the same time:

To widows Abby Lawton, R. B. Thompson, Mary Pillsbury, Lucretia Burge, J. S. Cogswell, C. Cutler, M. Dow, Betsey Hull, $25 each, 200,00

Aug. 24, 1852. F. N. FISK, Treas.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Died.	Exc.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	50	128	178	1	2	3	6	2		8	1	9	10
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	41	75	116	6		6	3	2		5	5	3	8
Gilmanton East,	John C. Page,	No report.													
Gilmanton Centre,	R. M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852.	56	87	143		5	5	2	2		4		2	2
Sanbornton,	Jas. Boutwell,	June 2, 1852.	52	93	145				1	2		3		2	2
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	15	30	45				1	1		2		3	3
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842.	27	53	80		6	6		2		2			
Loudon 1st ch.	Ed. F. Abbott,	Stated supply.	27	54	81	12		12		1		1	4	1	5
Alton,	Not quite extinct.			6	6				2			2			
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 20, 1804.	96	139	235				3	5		8		2	2
Plymouth,	Wm. R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	46	120	166	2		2	1	1		2	1	4	5
Campton,	Chas. Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	21	40	61					1		1		2	2
Thornton,	Jas. Hobart,	Stated supply.	5	8	13		1	1						2	2
Bridgewater,	No report.														
Hebron,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	4	20	24										
Groton,			17	18	35	2		2			1	1	1		1
16 churches.	14 ministers.	10 settled.	457	871	1328	23	14	37	19	19	1	39	12	30	42

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Bethlehem,	Daniel McClenning,	April 29, 1852.	11	20	31		2	2							
Franconia,			6	10	16				1			1			
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	36	96	132	2	3	5	1		1	2	2	1	3
3 churches.	2 ministers.		53	126	179	2	5	7	2		1	3	2	1	3

Unsettled Ministers—Drury Fairbank, Littleton; David Sutherland, Bath.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Chichester,	Rufus A. Putnam,	Stated supply.	46	79	125				3		2	5			
Deerfield,	Destitute.	Not reported.													
Epsom,	Do.		34	67	101				2		2	4			
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Jan. 1, 1850.	35	51	86					1	2	3		4	4
Nottingham,	Not reported.														
Pittsfield,	Moses H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.	53	105	158	5	1	6	2		3	5	2	1	3
6 churches.	3 ministers.		168	302	470	5	1	6	7	1	9	17	2	5	7

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.	30	60	90	11	3	14			1	1	7	5	12
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	24	37	61	1	6	7	2		1	3	1	4	5
Candia,	William Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	101	163	264				5		6	11		2	2
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.	61	125	186	5	1	6	2		5	7	1	8	9
Derry, First Church,	J. W. Wellman,	June 18, 1841.	85	169	254	14	9	23	7		5	12	6	6	12
" First Cong. Ch.	Ebenezer L.Parsons,	Oct. 1, 1851.	36	89	125	1	5	6	2		1	3		1	1
Hampstead,	John M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 1837.	39	53	92	9		9	2		2	4	2		2
Salem,	John Lawrence,	Stated supply.	20	39	59	3	7	10			3	3	1		1
Pelham,	E. B. Foster,	June 21, 1848.	20	66	86	Last year's report.									
Windham,	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	60	94	154	10	1	11	4		1	5	7	1	8
10 churches.	10 ministers.		476	895	1371	54	32	86	24		25	49	25	27	52

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Conway,	Destitute.	Dismissed July 8, 1852.	24	50	74						1	1			
Effingham,	Destitute.		11	28	39										
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge, Jonathan B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850.	31	47	78				5		3	8			
Ossipee,	Horace Wood,	Stated supply.	28	44	72	2		2		1		1	1		1
Sandwich Corner,	Destitute.		19	36	55				1			1			
Sandwich N. Ch.			7	12	19				2		1	3			
Tamworth,	Destitute.		49	78	127				3		7	10			
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply.	13	29	42				1			1			
Wolfborough,	Nelson Barbour,	June 15, 1852.	21	37	58	1		1						1	1
North Wolfborough,	Stephen Merrill,	Stated supply.	22	37	59	1	2	3			1	1	1		1
Tuftonborough,	Do. ¼ the time.		9	17	26				1		2	3			
11 churches.	6 ministers.		234	415	649	4	2	6	13	1	15	29	3		3

Without charge—Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, Rev. Jeffries Hall.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	90	224	314	13	5	18	9		6	15	7	2	9
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	24	52	76		2	2	1		2	3		2	2
Hollis, *	P. B. Day,	1852.	62	109	171	4		4	2		2	4			
East Jaffrey,	Vacant.														
Mason,	J. L. Armes,	Oct. 30, 1850.			133		3	3	5			5			
Mason Village,	E. M. Kellogg,	May 20, 1852.	41	81	122	3	3	6	2		2	4	2		†2
Merrimack South,*	Samuel H. Tolman,		11	23	34										
Milford,	E. N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			297	4	10	14	2		4	6	3	1	4
Nashua 1st ch.	Daniel March,	Jan. 3, 1849.	83	357	440	36	6	42	4		4	8	19	2	21
Nashua Olive st.	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.	141	284	425	110	10	120	5		3	8	60	1	61
Nashua Pearl st.	Destitute.		52	137	189	31	7	38	17			17	16	3	19
New Ipswich 1st ch.	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	85	172	257	9	4	13	†38		2	40	3	2	5
New Ipswich 2d ch.	J. Ballard,	July 14, 1852.	22	38	60	†									
Rindge,	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	84	145	229	3		3	1		4	5		2	2
Mont Vernon,	Charles D. Herbert,	Nov. 6, 1850.	52	117	169	11	4	15	10	2	3	15	9	13	22
Temple,	Walter Follett,	July 25, 1844.													
Wilton,	Vacant.														
17 churches.	15 ministers.		747	1739	2916	224	54	278	96	2	32	130	119	28	147

Ministers without charge—Ebenezer Hill, H. Moore, D. D., Leonard Jewett, J. E. B. Jewett, J. W. Shepard.

* Statistics taken from previous report. † For the organization of the 2d Congregational Church.

‡ Organized October 9, 1851, with 57 members.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	7	11	18										
Boscawen East,					220	Last year's			report.						
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	60	102	162	6		6			2	2		3	3
Bristol,	Garland,	Stated supply.			29	Last year's			report.						
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	45	88	133	8		8	3		2	5	3	6	9
Concord East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	31	78	109	1	7	8	4			4		2	2
Concord First,	N. Bouton,	March 23, 1825.	66	190	256	8	3	11	5		2	7	2	4	6
Concord South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.			211		4	4	5		2	7		15	15
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	63	126	189	1		1			3	3	1	3	4
Fisherville,	J. M. Stearns,	Stated supply.	23	50	73	1	4	5	1			1	1	2	3
Franklin,	Wm. T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	24	77	101	1	1	2	6			6		2	2
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	56	124	180	1		1	5		2	7		1	1
Hill,	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated supply.	13	30	43	1		1	4			4			
Hopkinton,	M. B. Angier,	Stated supply.	53	120	173	2	3	5	7		2	9	2	3	5
Loudon,	T. Newton Jones,	Stated supply.	14	16	30	2	1	3	3			3	1		1
Northfield & Sanb. Br'g.	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	34	68	102	3		3	1		2	3	1	1	2
Pembroke,	J. H. Merrill,	Nov. 1850.	29	99	128		2	2	1		4	5		3	3
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldredge,	June 12, 1849.	36	57	93	3		3	3		3	6	1	10	11
Warner,	H. O. Howland,	Stated supply.	36	77	113	2	3	5	5		1	6	1	6	7
Wilmot,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	14	18	32	4	1	5					2		2
20 churches.	19 ministers.		604	1331	2395	44	29	73	53		25	78	15	61	76

Without charge—Benj. P. Stone, E. Price, Wm. Patrick, A. Burnham, D. D., Henry Wood.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. From last year's report.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	18	37	55									3	3
Dalton,	Destitute.		8	19	27						1	1			
Lancaster,	Stephen A. Barnard,	Stated supply.	11	57	68	1		1			3	3	1	4	5
Stewartstown,	Destitute.		14	20	34	1		1	1	1	3	5		3	3
Whitefield,	Destitute.														
5 churches.	2 ministers.		51	133	184	2		2	1	1	7	9	1	10	11

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Bedford,	Thomas Savage,	July 5, 1826.	130	145	275	3	9	12	4		6	10		7	7
Dunbarton,	J. M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	36	95	131						4	4			
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837.	35	71	106	8		8	1		6	7	4	3	7
Hudson,	Wm. Page,*	Aug. 14, 1844.	20	52	72	4		4	7		4	11	1		1
Litchfield,	Wm. Page,	Stated supply.	6	12	18						2	2			
Londonderry,	T. G. Brainerd,	Nov. 5, 1840.	56	110	‡166	1	1	2			1	1	1	5	6
Manchester 1st ch.	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	78	167	245	10	5	15	4		4	8	6	3	9
do Franklin st.	H. S. Clarke,†	Sept. 26, 1849.	64	169	233	22	23	45	14		3	17	10	1	11
Merrimack,	E. G. Little,	Sept. 4, 1850.	50	91	141	44	10	54	1		2	3	30	10	40
9 churches.	9 ministers.		475	912	1387	92	48	140	31		32	63	52	29	81

* Dismissed June 28, 1852 ‡ There are 26 non-residents besides. † Dismissed July 1, 1852.

City Missionary, Manchester—T. P. Sawin.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Alstead 1st church,	S. G. Tenney,	Stated supply.	23	58	81	1	1	2					1		1
New Alstead,	Bezaleel Smith,	June 16, 1852.	49	61	110				1		1	2			
Paper Mill Village,			11	21	32					1	3	4			
Chesterfield,	Last year's report.		12	39	51										
Dublin,	Alonzo Hayes,	April 30, 1851.	16	30	46				2		1	3		3	3
Fitzwilliam,	Abraham Jenkins, Jr.	Feb. 16, 1848.	60	106	166		1	1	5	1	3	9		1	1
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	11	27	38		1	1	1			1			
Hinsdale,	Moses Gerould,	Oct. 30, 1844.	38	74	112	2	2	4		2	1	3	2	2	4
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth,	Dec. 10, 1782.													
	L. Tenney,	March 19, 1845.	35	107	142	4	6	10	7		3	10	1	5	6
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	July 1, 1818.	66	227	293	7	2	9	7		2	9	2	5	7
Marlborough.	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	26	64	90	1	4	5	1		4	5		2	2
Nelson,	S. M. Stone,	Stated supply.	40	65	105					2	2	4			
Harrisville,	Wm. G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	23	47	70	2	6	8	6	1	3	10	1		1
Roxbury,			11	19	30	1	1	2	2			2			
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson, D. D.	Jan. 5, 1803.	10	35	45	3		3			4	4			
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1845.	26	62	88		1	1	1		2	3		4	4
Surry,	Report of 1847.				21										
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 15 1836.	21	35	56	3	1	4	2		4	6	1	2	3
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	21	48	69				1		1	2			
Walpole,	A. Goldsmith,	Jan. 1, 1852.	23	75	98				4		3	7			
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	42	106	148		3	3			1	1		6	6
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	63	125	188	5	3	8	5		7	12	3	5	8
22 churches.	19 ministers.		627	1431	2079	29	32	61	45	7	45	97	11	35	46

Unsettled Ministers—Gad Newell, Nelson; Silas Wilder, Keene.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Bath,	T. Boutelle,	Stated supply.	42	90	132	1		1	2		3	5		5	5
Canaan,	No Report.														
Haverhill,	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849.	33	102	135	5	2	7	7		1	8	4		4
Haverhill North,	Destitute.		7	6	13										
Lyme,	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 15, 1831.	141	247	388	3	2	5	7		8	15	1	1	2
Orford East,	Jotham Sewall,	Stated supply.	46	41	87				1		2	3			
Orford West,	Wm. Clark,	May 17, 1849.	30	74	104										
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	37	66	103	1		1	2			2		3	3
Wentworth,	J. S. Davis,	June 20, 1822.	15	28	43				4	1		5			
9 churches.	5 ministers.		351	654	1005	10	4	14	23	1	14	38	5	9	14

Unsettled Ministers—N. Lord, D. D., R. Shurtleff, D. D., Moses Searle.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	15	31	46		1	1	1		1	2			
Brentwood,	Vacant.		22	52	74						1	1		1	1
Dover,	Homer Barrows,	July 9, 1845.	79	257	336	20	3	23	5		12	17	15	6	21
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	10	50	60	1		1	1		3	4			
Epping,	Lyman White,	Stated supply.	19	33	52	1	1	2			1	1		4	4
Exeter 1st church,	Roswell D. Hitchcock,	Nov. 19, 1845.	47	81	128	3	2	5			4	4	2	3	5
Exeter 2d church,	Isaac Hurd,	Sept. 11, 1817.													
	Asa Mann,	Nov. 19, 1851.	18	79	97						3	3			
Farmington,	Vacant.		10	15	25				2			2			
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852.	16	25	41		1	1	3			3		1	1
Hampton,	Solomon P. Fay,	Sept. 7, 1849.	66	136	202		4	4			2	2			
Kingston,	Charles Willey,	Stated supply.	18	49	67	10		10	2	2	1	5	2	8	10
Milton,	James Doldt,	Stated supply.	27	56	83		2	2			2	2			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	7	20	27										
Newington,	Vacant.	Last year's report.		5	5										
Newmarket,	Elliott C. Cogswell,	Stated supply.	13	31	44						1	1			
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D. D.,	Nov. 18, 1801.	53	88	143		2	2	1	2	4	7		2	2
Portsmouth,	Vacant.		76	254	330	6		6	12	1	8	21			
Raymond,	David Burt,	Nov. 4, 1851.	54	88	142		1	1	1		3	4		2	2
Rochester,	John E. Farwell,	Aug. 16, 1843.	19	77	96	1	2	3	2		3	5		2	2
	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	32	74	106						4	4			
Rye,	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	24	49	73	4		4	1		2	3	2	3	5
Seabrook & Hamp. Falls	Edward E. Atwater,	Feb. 3, 1852.	26	61	87		3	3	6		1	7			
Salmon Falls, Rollinsford	James T. McCollom,	Oct. 2, 1844.	42	108	150	1	6	7	4		1	5	1		1
Great Falls,	Winthrop Fifield,	Stated supply.	11	14	25	1		1							
South Newmarket,	J. R. Whittemore,	Stated supply.	16	35	51				1		1	2			
Stratham,															
25 churches.	22 ministers.		722	1758	2490	48	28	76	42	5	58	105	22	32	54

Unsettled Minister—Jonathan Ward, Brentwood.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	68	97	165				4		5	9	1	2	3
Charlestown,	Worthington Wright,	March 16, 1852.			74	2	2	4	3			3	1	1	2
Claremont,	Robert F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	67	135	202	8	4	12	8		2	10	8	2	10
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Dec. 1, 1835.	31	48	79	2	1	3	5	1		6		1	1
Croydon,			23	31	54						1	1			
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.,	April 2, 1842.	85	134	219	7	3	10	10		5	15	3		3
Enfield,			7	8	15				2			2			
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated supply.	20	29	49					1		1		2	2
Langdon,	Edwin Jennison,	Stated supply.	15	26	41		3	3						1	1
Lebanon,	Chas. A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	41	95	136	1	5	6	5		1	6		1	1
Lempster 1st,	Robert Page,	Stated supply.	30	43	73				1		4	5		2	2
Lempster 2d,			14	15	29				1			1			
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840.	33	54	87	7		7					4		4
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851.	71	120	191	2	5	7	4		5	9		9	9
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply 10 years.	7	27	34	1		1	2		1	3	1	1	2
Unity,			3	6	9				2			2			
Washington,	J. F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	10	33	43		2	2	1			1			
West Lebanon,	Rufus Case,	June 26, 1851.	25	35	60	1	3	4	2		1	3		1	1
18 churches.	14 ministers.		550	938	1558	31	28	59	50	2	25	77	18	23	41

Unsettled Ministers—J. Woods, Newport; Prof. C. B. Haddock, Prof. D. J. Noyes, David Kimball, Hanover; E. T. Rowe, Meriden. J. DeF. Richards, Charlestown.—*Licentiates*—Prof. J. N. Putnam, Hanover; C. S. Richards, Meriden.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Exc.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Antrim,	John M. Whiton,	Sept. 28, 1808.	56	114	170	2	3	5	2		4	6	2	1	3
Bennington,	C. N. Ransom,	Stated supply.			50	3		3	1		2	3			
Bradford,	D. Goodhue,	May 2, 1848.	14	38	52				5	1	2	8			
Deering,	Wm. P. Gale,	Stated supply.	12	27	39										
Francestown,	L. Taylor,	Nov. 19, 1851.	100	215	315	11	12	23	17		4	21	3	9	12
Greenfield Evangelical,	Jonathan McGee,	Stated supply.			121	2	5	7			1	1		6	6
Greenfield Cong.	J. LeBosquet,	Stated supply.	37	72	109	2	1	3	1		3	4		3	3
Hancock,	A. Bigelow,	May 15, 1850.	74	122	196	1	8	9	1	1	3	5		2	2
Hillsborough Centre,	Destitute.				82						6	6		2	2
Hillsborough Bridge,	J. Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	21	36	57	2	3	5			2	2	1	2	3
Lyndeborough,	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.	50	80	130		1	1	1	2	5	8		3	3
New Boston,	A. Rawson,	Stated supply.	53	112	165										
Peterborough,	H. J. Lamb,	July 14, 1847.			140		2	2	7			7			
13 churches.	12 ministers.		417	816	1626	23	35	58	35	4	32	71	6	28	34

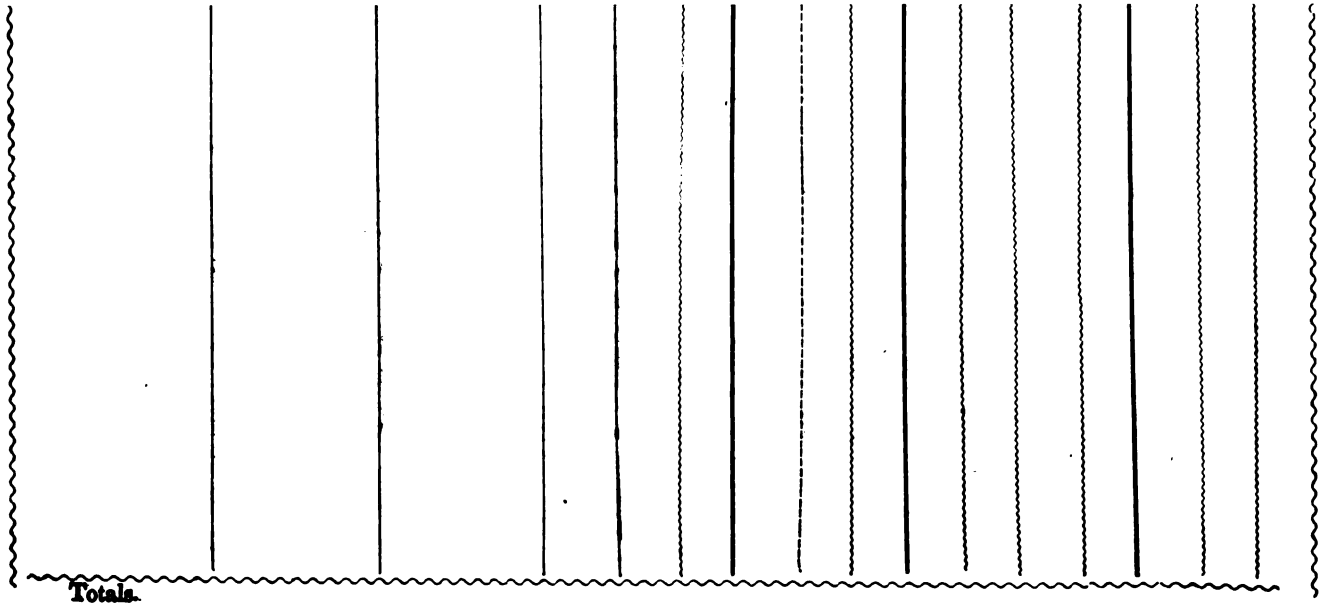
RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Com'cants.	Added.	Removed	Bap.
Belknap,	16	14	1328	37	39	42
Caledonia,	3	2	179	7	3	3
Deerfield,	6	3	470	6	17	7
Derry,	10	10	1371	86	49	52
Harmony,	11	6	649	6	29	3
Hopkinton,	20	19	2395	73	78	76
Hollis,	17	15	2916	278	130	147
Lancaster,*	5	2	184	2	9	11
Manchester,	9	9	1387	140	63	81
Monadnock,	22	19	2079	61	97	46
Orange,	9	5	1005	14	38	14
Piscataqua,	25	22	2490	76	105	54
Sullivan,	18	14	1558	59	77	41
Union,	13	12	1626	58	71	34
Total,	184	152	19,637	903	805	611

* Last year.

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap,	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia,	E. Ervin Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes.
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Harmony,	
Hollis,	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Henry A. Kendall.
Lancaster,	
Manchester,	T. P. Sawin.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua,	Lyman White.
Sullivan,	R. F. Lawrence.
Union,	Jonathan McGee.


Totals.

Plan recommended by the General Ass

For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.**	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For.*
Strafford, Belk. & Carroll,	April, May.	June, July.	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Nov.	Dec.,
Merrimack,	June, July.	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Nov.	Dec., Jan.	Feb.,
Grafton & Coos,	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Nov.	Dec., Jan.	Feb., March.	April
Hillsborough,	Oct., Nov.	Dec., Jan.	Feb., March.	April, May.	June,
Cheshire & Sullivan.	Dec., Jan.	Feb., March.	April, May.	June, July.	Aug.,
Rockingham,	Feb., March.	April, May.	June, July.	Aug., Sept.	Oct.,

* Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † Also, Am. and Foreig

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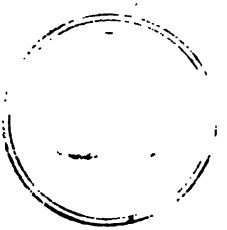

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire assembled at Littleton, in the Congregational Meeting House, on Tuesday, August 23, 1853, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The meeting was opened by a Sermon, by Rev. Amos Blanchard, from II Kings, 4 : 13. After the Sermon, a collection was taken up in aid of the Widows' Charitable Fund ; and the Preacher being in the chair, the credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were presented, and the following members found to constitute the General Association :

DELEGATES.	ASSOCIATIONS.
Rev. R. M. SARGENT, E. F. ABBOTT, ALMON BENSON,	Belknap.
DANIEL McCLENNING,	Caledonia.
M. H. WELLS,	Deerfield,
JESSE PAGE,	Derry.
N. BARBOUR, J. H. MERRILL,	Harmony.
HOWARD MOODY, HENRY F. PARKER, A. P. TENNEY, B. P. STONE,	Hopkinton.
SAMUEL LEE, WILLIAM CLARK,	Hollis.
J. B. HILL,	Lancaster.
T. G. BRAINERD,	Manchester.
EZRA ADAMS, ABRAHAM JENKINS, M. GEROULD, Z. S. BARSTOW, D. D.	Monadnock.
E. H. GREELEY, T. BOUTELLE,	Orange.
B. F. PARSONS, SOLOMON FAY, E. E. ATWATER,	Piscataqua.
RUFUS CASE, AMOS BLANCHARD, JACOB SCALES, HENRY CUMMINGS,	Sullivan.
WILLIAM P. GALE,	Union.
J. K. YOUNG, Secretary, A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer, E. I. CARPENTER, Littleton,	Members ex officio.

DAVID EASTMAN,	from General Association of Massachusetts.
ELIJAH JONES,	General Conference of Maine.
E.. CLEAVELAND,	General Convention of Vermont.
CHARLES BENTLEY,	General Association of Connecticut.
S. VAILL,	Gen. Assembly (O. S.) Pres. Church.
FENNELL,	Gen. Assembly (N. S.) Pres. Church.
SAMUEL A. BENTON,	General Asso. of Michigan.
B. F. PARSONS,	Gen. Convention of Pres. and Cong. Churches of Wisconsin.

The Association was organized by the choice of
Rev. JACOB SCALES, Moderator,
Rev. JESSE PAGE, Scribe,
Rev. RUFUS CASE, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the body were read by the Secretary, and prayer offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Carpenter, Barstow and Clark were chosen a Committee of Nomination and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Barbour, Sargent, Vaill, Eastman and Hall were appointed a Committee to take minutes of the narratives, and prepare a report of the same: when it was voted to adjourn to half past one o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition of making alterations in the method of conducting the business of this body, reported through their chairman, Rev. Jacob Cummings, which report was accepted.

Narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the District Associations and corresponding foreign bodies were presented, and after some remarks by Rev. W. Clark, prayer was offered by Rev. S. Vaill.

The following nomination of Delegates to foreign bodies was presented by the Committee of Overtures, and adopted:

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. L. White, Primary, Rev. E. Adams, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. W. Wright, Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. N. Barbour, Primary, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Austin Richards, Primary, Rev. Wm. Clark, Substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. G. Leach, Primary, Rev. A. Jenkins, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. J. Richards, D. D., Primary, Rev. S. T. Abbott, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. H. Moody, Primary, Rev. J. Page, Substitute.

To the General Association of Illinois, Rev. E. Buxton, *imary,* Rev. E. D. Eldridge, Substitute.

To the General Association of Iowa, Rev. B. P. Stone, Primary, Rev. E. E. Atwater, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan, Rev. W. P. Gale, Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Subtitute.

To the Gen. Assembly of the Pres. Church, O. S., Rev. W. T. Savage, Primary, Rev. E. I. Carpenter, Substitute.

To the Gen. Assemby of the Pres. Church, N. S., Rev. M. H. Wells, Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker, Substitute.

To the Gen. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. S. Lee, Primary, Rev. J. H. Merrill, Substitute.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Barbour, Merrill and Moody were appointed a Committee to report the place and preacher for the next meeting, who reported Derry, first church, as the place, and that Union Association furnish the preacher; which report was adopted.

The following brethren were appointed to give certificates of regular standing to Ministers and Candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State:—Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., Jonathan French, D. D., J. T. McCollom, Amos W. Burnham, N. Lord, D. D., A. Bodwell, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, S. T. Abbott, J. Woods, and Z. S. Barstow, D. D.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

Voted to raise a tax of 25 cents on each member to defray the expenses of the year ensuing.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of alterations in the business arrangements of the General Association reported—That once in four years the statistical reports should embrace the following particulars, in addition to the usual annual reports, such as amount of minister's salary, missionary aid, if any, donations to benevolent objects, ratable property in the church, per cent. paid for sustaining the gospel, including minister's salary, donations, &c., population of the town, and average attendance on evangelical worship.

The above Committee further suggest the expediency of devising means for giving more efficiency and permanency to our various operations as a denomination. We need, for instance, a historical department, in which may be collected and preserved these various statistics; which will become of vast interest to the future historian. We need a safe place of deposit for many documents of great value; which, if left

in private libraries, will soon be lost. We need a central place of business, where Bibles, Tracts, &c., can be found, and where the business of our various Benevolent Associations can be transacted. We should thus greatly simplify, systematize, and facilitate the operations of our Benevolent Societies; and thus reduce the expense of the agencies employed therein. We therefore recommend that the General Association appoint a Committee of five to consider these several topics and draw up a plan for carrying them into operation.

The above report was accepted, and the following persons were appointed a Committee agreeably to its suggestion :—

Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, A. P. Tenney, J. Cummings, M. H. Wells, and J. K. Young.

The cause of the Tract Society, of the American Missionary Association, of the Seamen's Friend Society, and of Foreign Missions were severally presented and advocated.

The following resolutions, presented by the Rev. J. H. Merrill, and advocated by Rev. L. Beecher, D. D., and others, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Barstow, were passed unanimously by the congregation.

Whereas the progress of the cause of temperance is essential to the welfare of society, and the interests of morality and godliness,—

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the principles embodied in what is called, "The Maine Law."

Resolved, That we earnestly desire, and will labor for the adoption of a similar law in this State.

Resolved, That until that desire is met, we recommend the strict enforcement of the present laws.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Congregational ministers of our State to present the subject in their pulpits and in the School districts, in their respective towns.

The cause of the American Sunday School Union was was presented by their N. E. Secretary, Rev. N. Munroe.

Adjourned to half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That a Committee of one, on Sabbath Schools, be appointed annually, by this Association, who shall collect statistics from the County Secretaries, and make report, and make arrangements for the Sabbath School meeting; and that he be an honorary member of this body.

Rev. J. H. Merrill was appointed that Committee.

The Report of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented and accepted.

The following resolutions in regard to the Widows' Fund were introduced and adopted.

Resolved, That it is highly important that the Widows' Charitable Fund be so increased, as to allow of much larger appropriation being made to its beneficiaries.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Trustees of said Fund and report at the next meeting of this body as to the best measures for the permanent enlargement of the Fund.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Pastors and ministers of our churches, that they present the case of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen to their people, and take up a collection in their behalf the coming year.

Rev. Messrs. A. P. Tenney, W. T. Savage and Corban Curtice were appointed said Committee.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted :—

Resolved, That we approve of the effort of the friends of peace to produce a public sentiment that shall require of the governments of nations, that such differences between them, as cannot be settled by negociation, shall be referred for final settlement, to umpires to be chosen by the parties interested.

Resolved, specially, that we will use our influence to secure, forthwith, petitions to the President of the United States, that there may be introduced into the pending treaty with Great Britain, an article involving this principle.

Voted, to have a recess to give place for the Bible Society.

After the recess, adjourned to to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, Aug. 25.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Henry Cummings. Minutes of the preceding day were read.

The following persons were appointed Committees on the objects of benevolence :—Rev. H. E. Parker, on Seamen's Friend Society ; Rev. W. T. Savage, on Foreign Missions ; Rev. E. H. Greeley, on American and Foreign Christian Union ; Rev. J. Boutwell, on the Tract cause.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to the Railroad Companies who have favored its members with a reduction of fare in coming to and returning from this place. Also, to the people of Littleton for their kind and generous hospitality ; and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

Resolved, That in corresponding with ecclesiastical bodies which have in their connection those who hold their fellow men in bondage, we wish to be distinctly understood, that we

do not give our sanction to the system of slavery, or look with satisfaction upon the practice of slaveholding, but continue the correspondence with the hope that our influence may hasten the removal of this glaring reproach upon our common Christianity, and incubus upon the progress of a pure gospel.

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the resolutions pertaining to the subject of slavery, passed at the late Congregational Convention at Albany, and of the principles set forth in the number of the Home Missionary for March of the present year, as those by which the American Home Missionary Society is governed in affording aid to churches in slaveholding States.

Rev. Messrs. T. G. Brainerd and E. G. Parsons were appointed a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for the next year.

Rev. Messrs. J. Page, R. Case, and D. Kimball were appointed the publishing Committee.

Voted, To publish six hundred copies of the Minutes.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. E. I. Carpenter and accepted and adopted.

Voted, That we recommend that the Pastoral Letter be read publicly to the churches in this body.

At 10 o'clock, the Association gave place to the meeting of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

After which meeting, voted to adjourn after public service in the afternoon.

Rev. M. Badger, D. D., of New York, and Rev. Charles Bentley, of Connecticut, were appointed to officiate at the communion.

Voted, To accept and adopt the report of the Committee on the state of religion, and that it be published with the Minutes.

In the afternoon, Rev. Corban Curtice preached from John 19:5; and the Sacrament was administered by Rev. Milton Badger, D. D., and Rev. Charles Bentley.

Adjourned *sine die*.

JACOB SCALES, *Moderator*.

JESSE PAGE, *Scribe*.

RUFUS CASE, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Time still flows on, and now has brought us to another of our Annual Meetings, and to the review of another year. And these passing years, under the direction of Jehovah, bear to eternity one after another of the ministers, the church-members, and the people to whom we preach, the prepared and the unprepared for the great judgment of God. And the Head of the Church is gathering his chosen ones from the discipline and conflict of the militant state, to the gracious rewards and victory of his church in glory. God, in his great mercy, has preserved from death the settled pastors of this State another year. But we are called to mourn the death of our venerated fathers and beloved brethren. Dr. Burnham, Rev. D. Fairbanks, S. M. Stone and J. M. Stearns, known for faithful labor, and some of them called from the active duties of preaching as stated supplies. From a neighboring Commonwealth also, come the tidings of the death of the Rev. Phineas Cooke, for many years associated in labor and love with the ministers of this state. We lament over the ceasing of their preaching, but believe that they are still praising, and we hope to meet, an unbroken company in the General Assembly and Church of the First Born in Heaven.

The delegates from several district Associations report an increased attendance on public worship, and a more general attention to the stated means of grace. Some places, however, are laboring under local difficulties, invaded by a prevalent spirit of gain and worldliness, or injured by an intemperate or Sabbath-breaking, and an unsettled population.

General harmony prevails within the churches. In some instances, where coldness or division has long existed, there is a greater desire for peace, and somewhat of a return to Him who, by his voice calms the tempest. Though we hear of dismissions of pastors, yet there seems to be a slight increase in the permanence of the settled ministry, and more desire by the churches to retain their tried and experienced leaders.

One district Association reports 12 preparing for the ministry, and numerous others are known in various parts of the state.

On the "shady side" of our hills and mountains, occasional bursts of sunshine greet us in augmented and more punctual compensation, in parsonages fitted up, and in better, though still very imperfect, appreciation of the labors of the ministry.

Several meeting houses have been built or thoroughly repaired, and efforts are being made in other places for the same purpose. There is an increasing feeling that the house of God should be rendered attractive, and in some measure correspond with the purity and simplicity of the gospel preached in it. And above all, there seems to be a desire and prayer, though far too little, that the Holy One would descend and fill the places of His worship with the cloud of his special, spiritual, converting and sanctifying grace. And the river of the gospel salvation whose streams are for the healing of the people, is still flowing on, gathering volume from many open and many unseen sources, from precious revivals, from the rills of individual conversions and from springs on its banks, when the baptised children of the church accept the vows for themselves,—that stream, whose origin was in the bosom of the everlasting Father, the course of which lies through the ages of human history, is rolling on among ourselves, and approaching, year by year, its great outflow in the millennium. We cannot very easily or definitely measure its progress, or weigh the increment of its waters from year to year. But we would notice with devout thankfulness to God several precious indications of good during the year past.

Revivals have been enjoyed in Campton, Gilsum, Sullivan, Winchester, Acworth and Newport. There has been considerable religious interest in *Dover, Claremont, Bethlehem,* Salmon Falls, New Alstead, Keene and oth-

er places. Portsmouth, though destitute of a Pastor, has been receiving blessings from the great Bishop of souls in conversions and additions.

It is also specially cheering to hear of religious interest in Dartmouth College, and in New Ipswich, Meriden and other Academies. We may reasonably hope that young men, consecrating themselves to God in these places, will devote to religion and the church their disciplined talents.

On many other churches the dews of divine grace are gently distilling, and souls are won from the kingdom of satan into the kingdom of God. Additions have also been made to some churches in considerable numbers of the fruits of former revivals. Six of the Associations report a considerable majority of additions over removals. Six report a slight decrease, one reports the same number of each, and one gives us no statistics: 13 out of the 14 Associations of the State sum up 318 more additions than removals.

Our churches are often diminished by emigration, as the fertile soil and the detrition of the rocks is washed from our lands to constitute the fruitful meadows of other states. And in their pride and our weakness, they often, though not always, forget the rock whence they were hewn.

There seems to be increasing interest in the cause of education, indicated by numerous select schools and Academies, while we hope the more important district schools are not neglected.

Many reports rejoice us by the tidings of increased numbers and interest in Sabbath Schools also, and tell us of transplanting from these nurseries into the garden of the Lord. In one instance in particular, a young girl was deeply anxious for the conversion of her friends connected with the same Sabbath School Class, and her special prayers for that purpose were richly answered; her friends were converted, and God seemed to use that as one opening means of a gracious work of revival.

There is gratifying evidence that God has been pleased to set his seal of approbation upon the consecration of infants, and has remembered his covenant in very numerous instances to the children of the righteous and even to their children's children.

The churches continue to contribute to the various causes of benevolence, though by no means so largely as the important calls demand. Yet many, out of their comparative poverty, give liberally, while others, in wealth and wealthy communities, bestow far less in comparison with their ability. So far as can be judged from the reports presented, there has been an increase generally in the amount contributed over the previous year. A majority of the Associations that report upon the subject, report an increase. But some branches of effort have received less attention and smaller contributions than previously.

The efforts to secure a new and more efficient law upon the subject of Temperance have hitherto failed, yet the friends of the cause should not be disheartened, but planting themselves upon the principles of the gospel, should persevere till they gain the victory.

The enactment of more stringent laws upon the subject by the states on the East, South and West, has tended to make this state, like Nineveh of old, a pool, not of water, even stagnant, but of a most deadly and offensive liquid, around which the streams of drunkards delight to congregate.

Oh! that the God of Elisha would, by the special influences of His spirit cause the place to be healed by the Gospel!

The delegates from corresponding bodies cheer us by congratulations and tidings of general prosperity and progress, of revivals in some churches, and institutions of learning, mingled also with shadows such as the prince of the power of the air, ever and everywhere casts upon this sin-stricken world.

In view of all, we are called to mourn present desolations, we are impelled to earnest prayer, we are driven to the great source of strength, to *our King*. Yet are we also encouraged to labor still faithfully and

pray importunately, to keep open the sanctuaries and carry on the operations of the usual means of grace, trusting for good results for strengthening of Christians, for the conversion of souls, each year, hoping also continually for greater revivals of God's work, and longing for the day, when through all our peopled vallies salvation shall flow, like streams of living water, and even on the mountains, a handfull of corn shall bring forth fruit to wave like Lebanon.

R. M. SARGENT, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

PASTORAL LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN—Watching for souls as those who must give account, we feel deeply concerned for your religious prosperity. And, that we may leave no opportunity unimproved, we would embrace the occasion of our annual gathering to join in the expression of Christian salutations, and in addressing to you a few words of counsel and exhortation. The subject to which we invite your attention, is that of MAGNIFYING YOUR CALLING.

The Christian system is no human institution, but perfect and divine. Planned in the councils of eternity, it was promulgated among men by Divine interposition and by Divine methods. "Holy men of God spake and acted as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Its central fact is the advent of a Divine person — Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, and co-equal with the Father—to die the just for the unjust, and make it consistent for God to forgive sin and receive the believer to the blessedness of heaven.

It is, moreover, through the Divine agency that any embrace the Gospel system. "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

And then, it is all of love — the noblest and holiest principle of the heart. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And it was love that animated the Savior's bosom, and that controls the agency of the Holy Spirit.

In its design, also, the Christian system is equally noble, equally Divine. It seeks interests as important as human goodness and human happiness, and lasting as the undying soul and the throne of God. It gives "promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" — the peace of earth and the purity of heaven — reconciliation with an offended God and a condemning conscience.

And it is complete and perfect in its character. It not only holds out a "*promise* of the life that now is, and of that which is to come," but it contains their principles and means in all their fulness. It fails in the fulfilment of no promise, disappoints no hope. "All things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Thus the Gospel is a stupendous system of Divine wisdom, power and goodness, and its benefits are grand and glorious beyond human thought. And we would have you feel and act in sympathy therewith. We would have you hold it forth and treat it, on all occasions, and all the relations of life, as a Divine system; as claiming, by virtue of its origin, methods

of promulgation and intrinsic excellence, the first and the holiest regards of men. We exhort you ever to show that you glory in it. Exhibit no wavering, take no dubious positions, let no false notions of modesty keep you from a frank avowal of your claim as nobler and better than others. Humility is, indeed, a cardinal grace of Christianity. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory," is the language of genuine piety. But then, grace is better than nature, and, as having "put off the old man corrupt according to the deceitful lusts and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness," you may not, you should not shrink from acknowledging and supporting your claim, as seeking the holiest and happiest life possible with man.

Frequently, however, we witness conduct widely different from this;— conduct that goes to depreciate the power and excellence of the Christian faith — to present it before men as a matter to occupy only the fragment of time and means. For one thing, this is the case when men are honored not according to Christian character. We cannot help respecting talent, liberal thinking, large intelligence, irreproachable morals, amiable deportment; but these things are not religion: though reaching up among the finer feelings and nobler qualities of our nature, they lie far down from the serene and holy heights of Christian faith, and hope, and practice, and we must not allow them to loom up like the deceitful mirage, and shut out those heights as objects of constant vision. Great statesmen, scholars, artists, merchants, and the like, are much smaller in God's esteem than the real Christian, though born in a hovel, reared without cultivation, and living in obscurest poverty.

For another thing, christians fail to magnify their calling in not carrying out the principles of the Gospel, in the social, political and business relations of life. Many seem to be very good christians on the Sabbath, and in the immediate duties of their profession, while, in the relations just named, they act as if there were no such thing as religion. Diligence in business, with fervor of spirit, is something quite impossible in their esteem. They must be in sympathy with the occasion and the circle about them;— do after the manner of those with whom they happen to be associated. But remember, brethren, that you not only do not thus exalt and honor your profession, but rob it of its glory and worth, degrade it to a second-rate affair, make it the business and enjoyment of only the leisure hours of life.

For another thing, the conduct in question is seen in the manner in which expenditures for religious purposes are conducted. The interests of the church are often suffered to languish, the ministry to drag out a feeble and embarrassed life, the meeting-house to go to decay, while railroads and banks and measures of worldly improvement and profit, are liberally, if not lavishly supported. Christian men will invest hundreds of dollars in non-paying railroad stock for the sake of increased facilities of communication, value of real estate, and to see the iron horse course through their lands, or pass their doors, who are too poor to aid in restoring the paint on the old weather-beaten church, and in putting the services of religion in an attractive and commanding position. Does such conduct magnify the Christian profession? Does it hold forth the Gospel of Christ as of unearthly splendor and worth?

Once more; the Christian calling is depreciated and greatly shorn of *influence by* the regard paid to public and occasional religious gatherings,

—church conferences, prayer-meetings, anniversaries, and the like. The Jews could go up to Jerusalem several times every year and spend a whole week in religious services ; but the church as a body cannot now take a single day for a similar purpose. It is often difficult to obtain a delegation of two brethren, from a church of a hundred or more members, to a yearly Conference of two days. How seldom does the great body of Christians within the County assemble in a solemn, devout, earnest religious meeting ! And yet a moment's reflection will show that scarcely any human acting is better suited to impress the minds of men and exalt religion before them, than such gatherings. O, could we see the men and women of our churches going up in one earnest, believing body to our holy convocations on their annual return, how it would animate and encourage our hearts !

Now, we earnestly exhort you, brethren, to remember the high calling of your profession, and to present it before your fellow men in all its true grandeur and excellence. Aim to be just those noble, manly, benevolent, rejoicing men and women, which the Divine character of Christianity contemplates. As all things are yours, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's, let nothing, — neither life nor death, neither things present nor things to come, separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You are engaged to this by such considerations as these. For one thing, your own religious growth and enjoyment demand it. What we are ashamed of before men, we cannot long or largely enjoy by ourselves. He who shrinks from an open, decided avowal of his faith before others, will be likely to make but a feeble and indifferent surrender of himself to Christ. What is dear to us we naturally love to exhibit to others. We cannot see how a person, who is ready to put his religion aside when the profit and pleasure of the world come in conflict therewith, can find very satisfactory enjoyment in the profession of it, or advance very rapidly in its attainments.

For another thing, your usefulness is largely concerned in the conduct we are urging. What you are ashamed of before men, you cannot do much to extend over the world. It is only when we think most highly of religion ; when its many and great excellencies pour into our minds their excitements without abatement, that we are ready to do most for its spread. It was this that lead the first, and many, if not all, of our later missionaries, to leave the endearments of kindred and home and go forth to wear themselves out on heathen shores. And it is only when practically held up before men as " the chief concern of mortals here below," that it arrests their attention and wins them to its embrace.

The honor of God, also, requires Christians to magnify their calling. We honor our fellow men when we place a due estimate on the gifts they bestow and exhibit them in their true character. And how can we properly honor God while we lightly esteem the Rock of Ages — so mutilate the person of Christ, so disfigure his excellencies that his true character cannot be seen ?

Once more ; proper encouragement of us, your ministers, requires that you magnify your calling. It is through and in connection with you that we are to advance the cause of Christ among men. How disheartening, then, when by making this holy religion a trifling, a secondary affair, you pour contempt on the very object we are endeavoring to present as " the chief concern of mortals here below" ! True, duty is ours and

results God's. But then, constituted as we are, while we walk by faith, it helps us much when we can gather full sheaves from the grain of our own sowing, — when we see rising up on either hand, living testimony to the glory and divinity of the system we advocate.

Thus, brethren, you are urged by considerations of the most weighty character to magnify your calling. And we press them upon your attention. Keep the dignity of your profession ever present in your thoughts. To be a follower of Jesus, a child of God, an heir of glory; — to have Christ living within us, to be temples of the Holy Ghost — how glorious, how divine! May you not magnify such a calling; may you not joyfully receive "the spoiling of your goods" in the pursuit of such a profession! May you not, with an air of triumph, hold it forth as the greatest and best of gifts! Remember that your whole conduct comes under the severe inspection of your fellow men, and that they are often deeply influenced by things which seem quite indifferent and trivial to you. Let it ever appear, therefore, that you set a high, a divine value on the Christian calling. Make it a great and glorious matter in all your religious conduct; take pains for express purpose of holding it up as worthy of greater sacrifices, severer toil, heavier expenditures of time and money than any other matter of pleasure or profit. So shall you honor and "glorify God in your bodies and spirits which are his."

E. IRVIN CARPENTER, For the Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Hampshire,
In account with A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer.

DR.	To paid Rev. David Kimball's bill for printing 600 copies of the Minutes for 1852—32 pages,	$36,00
	Do. for postage and freight on the same,	4,16
		$40,16

CR. By cash received of the following Associations—

Union,	$5,00	Belknap,	3,00	Orange,	2,00	Hopkinton,	7,00
Monadnock,	7,00	Manchester,	3,00	Harmony,	2,00	Piscataqua,	6,00
Do. for 1851,	1,50	Deerfield,	1,00	Hollis,	6,50	Caledonia,	1,00

By balance in the Treasury, when last audited, 15,66

Receipts,	$60,66
Expenditures,	40,16
Balance in the Treasury,	$20,50

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of the Treas. of the N. H. Gen. Asso. and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

N. BOUTON, Auditor.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

1853, June 2. At the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, present, Rev. Mr. Bouton, Franc' N. Fisk, and Samuel Morril. Voted, to adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

SAMUEL MORRIL, Sec'y.

The Executive Com. made the following appropriations, June 2, 1853— To Mrs. Ruth B. Thompson $25; Mrs. Moses Dow $25; Mrs. Nancy Pillsbury $25; Mrs. Betsey Hull, $25; Mrs. Joanna S Cogswell $25; Mrs. Abby Lawton $25—$150. S. MORRIL, Sec.

1853, Aug. 6. The Executive Committee of the Widows' Charitable Fund voted to receive Mrs. Stearns, widow of Rev. J. M. Stearns, as a beneficiary of the Fund, on recommendation of Rev. D. Burt of Raymond.

S. MORRIL, Sec.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Meredith Bridge.	John F. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831,	47	126	173	2	2	4	9		3	12	2	6	8
Gilmanton Iron Works.	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844,	40	74	114	1		1			3	3	1	1	2
Gilmanton East,	Vacant.		14	24	38						1	1			
Gilmanton Centre,	R. M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852.	58	87	145	1	6	7	2		3	5	1	2	3
Sanbornton,	James Boutwell,	June 24, 1852,	55	92	147	7	4	11	5		2	7	3	1	4
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 28, 1840,	15	29	44				1			1			
Meredith Village,	Giles Leach,	Nov. 23, 1842,	25	53	78					2	1	3		1	1
Loudon 1st Church,	Edward F. Abbott,	Stated Supply,	26	54	80	7	1	8			2	2	3		3
Alton,	Vacant,	Last year's report,		6	6										
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804,	95	139	234	1		1	2		5	7		1	1
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845,	45	120	165	3		3	3		1	4	1	4	5
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842,	28	52	80	21	3	24			2	2	14		14
Thornton,	Vacant,		9	13	22										
Bridgewater,	Vacant.														
Hebron,	Liba Conant,	Stated Supply.	6	21	27	1	4	5			1	1	1	4	5
Groton,			15	17	32	1	1	2	1		2	3	1		1
16 churches.	11 ministers.		478	907	1385	45	21	66	23	2	26	51	27	20	47

Without charge—Rev. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton. Licentiate—C. C. Durgin, Gilmanton.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Bethlehem,	Daniel McClenning,	April 29, 1852.	12	22	34	4		4			1	1	4		4
Franconia,			4	8	12						1	1			
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	33	97	130	1	2	3	1		4	5			
3 churches.	2 ministers.		49	127	176	5	2	7	1		6	7	4		4

David Sutherland, Bath, without charge.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Chichester,	S. M. Blanchard,	Stated supply.	43	76	119				2			2			
Deerfield,	William A. Fobes,	do.	58	74	112	1	1	2			3	3			
Epsom,	Destitute,	No report.	34	67	101										
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Jan. 1, 1849.	33	53	86		1	1		1	3	4		9	9
Nottingham,	Destitute,	No report.													
Pittsfield,	Moses H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.	55	106	161	2	6	8	4		3	7	1	1	2
6 churches.	4 ministers.		169	309	478	3	8	11	6	1	9	16	1	10	11

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Stated supply.	31	61	92	5		5	1		1	2	4		4
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	18	33	51						3	3			
Candia,	William Murdock,	Dec. 1, 1841.	99	165	264	10		10	4		4	8	5	1	6
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.	62	124	186	4	3	7	3	1	8	12	1	4	5
Derry, First Church,	Joshua W. Wellman,	June 18, 1851.	83	157	240	8	2	10	5		3	8	1	4	5
" First Cong. Ch.	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 1, 1851.	38	98	136	10	3	13	2		1	3	3	2	5
Hampstead,	John M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 12, 1846.	26	63	89	2	3	5	4		3	7	1	2	3
Pelham,	Vacant,	Last year's report.	20	66	86										
Plaistow,	Charles Tenney,	Stated supply.	37	27	64				1		1	2		1	1
Salem,	William Page,	Stated supply.	13	40	53		1	1	3		1	4			
Windham, Pres. ch.	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	56	94	150	3		3	3		4	7	2	2	4
11 churches.	10 ministers.		483	928	1411	42	12	54	26	1	29	56	17	16	33

Rev. Mr. Browne, without charge.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Conway,*	Destitute,		24	50	74										
Effingham,*	Destitute.		11	28	39										
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge,	Feb. 27, 1828.													
	Jonathan B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850.	30	47	77		1	1	1		1	2			
Ossipee,	Horace Wood,	Stated supply.	28	44	72		2	2	2			2			
Sandwich Corner, *	Destitute.		19	36	55										
Sandwich, N. church.*	Destitute.		7	12	19										
Tamworth,	J. H. Merrill,	Aug. 17, 1853.	63	107	170				5			5			
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker,	Stated supply.	13	27	40						2	2			
Wolfborough,	Nelson Barbour,	June 15, 1852.	22	39	61	1	3	4			1	1	1	1	2
North Wolfborough,	Stephen Merrill,	Stated supply.	20	37	57				1		1	2			
Tuftonborough,	Do. ¼ the time,	Stated supply.	8	17	25					1		1			
Farmington,	Daniel D. Tappan,	Stated supply.	10	14	24		2	2	1			1		2	2
12 churches.	8 ministers.		255	458	713	1	8	9	10	1	5	16	1	3	4

Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, without charge.

* From last year's report.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	92	213	305	3	6	9	9	2	5	16	3	6	9
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	24	50	74				1		1	2			
Hollis,*	P. B. Day,	June, 1852.	62	109	171										
Mason,	Ebenezer Hill,	Nov. 3, 1790.													
	J. L. Armes,	Oct. 31, 1850.	45	56	101	2	1	3	7		2	9	1	6	7
Mason Village,*	E. M. Kellogg,	May 20, 1852.	40	88	128	7	8	15	5		4	9	5	3	8
Merrimack South,*	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated supply.	11	23	34										
Milford,	E. N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			305	3	6	9	2		3	5	3	2	5
Nashua, 1st church,*	Daniel March,	Jan. 3, 1849.	83	357	440										
Nashua, Olive street,*	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.	141	284	425										
Nashua, Pearl street,*	Ezra E. Adams,	Aug. 31, 1853.	52	137	189										
New Ipswich,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	86	176	262	9		9	5	3	10	18	3		3
Rindge,	Amos W. Burnham,	Nov. 19, 1821.	92	163	255	24	10	34	3		7	10	12	12	24
Mont Vernon,*	Charles D. Herbert,	Nov. 6, 1850.	52	115	167	3	3	6	6		2	8	3	3	6
Temple,	Walter Follett,	July 25, 1844.	30	60	90	4		4	2	1	3	5	3		3
Wilton,															
15 churches.	14 ministers.		811	1831	2946	55	84	89	40	6	37	83	33	32	65

Without charge—William Clark, Seneca White, Amherst; Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford; Leonard Jewett, Hollis; John M. Ellis, J. W. Shepard, Nashua. * From last year's report.

In last year's report New Ipswich, 2d church, Rev. J. Ballard, Pastor, was included—22 males, 38 females, total 60. It was not returned in the report of this year. The publishing Committee were not advised of the cause of the omission.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	Stated supply.	8	12	20		2	2	1			1		1	1
Boscawen East,	Ambrose Smith,	June 8, 1853.	60	90	150	11	1	12		2	2	4	2	1	3
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	60	103	163	4	3	7	4		2	6		5	5
Bristol,	—— Garland,	Stated supply.			29	former report.									
Canterbury,	Howard Moody.	Nov. 22, 1843,	45	81	126	1	1	2	2		7	9		5	5
Concord, East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	34	60	94	1	1	2	1		4	5	1	2	3
First,	Nathaniel Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825.	69	187	256	5	2	7	5	1	2	8	1	4	5
South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.	83	155	238	9	12	21					4	1	5
West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	62	126	188	1		h			2	2		3	3
Fisherville,	Daniel Lancaster,	Stated supply.			73	Last year's re			port.						
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.			101										
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	54	122	176		1	1	1	1	3	5		2	2
Hill,	Daniel Sawyer,	S. S.—now destitute.	13	29	42				1		1	2		1	1
Hopkinton,	M. B. Angier,	[illegible] 1853.			173	Last year's re			port.						
Loudon,	—— Willey,	Stated supply			80	Last year's re			port.						
Northfield & Sanb. Br'ge,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	34	79	113	15	4	19	3	2	3	8	7		7
Pembroke,	Robert Crossett,	Stated supply.			128	Last year's re			port.						
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldredge,	June 12, 1849.	36	57	93	1	1	2			2	2	1	2	3
Warner,	Harrison O. Howland,	Stated supply.	35	86	121	5	2	7	6		3	9	2		2
Wilmot,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	16	21	37	3	2	5							
20 churches.	19 ministers.		609	1208	2351	55	32	88	24	6	31	61	18	27	45

Without charge—E. Price, William Patrick, B. P. Stone, Henry Wood.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. Former report.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Male	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died. Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	18	35	53						2 2		2	2
Dalton,	—— Blake,	Stated supply.	9	20	29				2		2			
Lancaster,	Destitute.		11	51	62						2 2			
Stewartstown,	J. Wooster,	S. S. half the time.	11	17	28									
Whitefield,	Destitute.													
5 churches.	3 ministers.		49	133	172				2		4 6		2	2

Without charge—J. Morse, Stewartstown.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Bedford, Pres.	Thomas Savage,	July 5, 1826.	56	103	159	8	3	11	4	2	6	1	6	7
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	34	93	127		2	2	2	4	6			
Goffstown,	Isaac Willey,	1837.	35	75	110	3	1	4		3	3		2	2
Hudson,	D. L. French,	Stated supply.	24	47	71					1	1			
Litchfield, Pres.														
Londonderry, Pres.	T. G. Brainerd,		65	127	192					1	1			
Manchester, 1st church,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	78	170	248	5	2	7	8	2	10		3	3
2d do.	Samuel C. Bartlett,	Nov. 8, 1852.	58	166	224	4	14	18	17	1	18	2	1	3
Chris. Mission,	T. P. Sawin,	March 26, 1853.	7	27	34	7	27	34				5	1	6
Merrimack,	E. G. Little,	Sept 4, 1850.	64	106	170	28	4	32	2	1	3	21	10	31
10 churches.	9 ministers.		421	914	1235	55	53	108	33	15	48	29	23	52

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Male	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Alstead, 1st church,	Samuel G. Tenney,	Stated supply.	18	56	74	1		1	4		1	5			
Alstead, East,	Bezaleel Smith,	June 16, 1852.	51	74	125	4	4	8	3		2	5	2	3	5
Paper Mill Village,	George S. Kemp,	Stated supply.	10	20	30										
Chesterfield,	Ebenezer Newhall,	Stated supply.	15	43	58				1		1	2		1	1
Dublin,			17	31	48	4		4	1		1	2	4		4
Fitzwilliam,	Abraham Jenkins, Jr.	Feb. 16, 1848.	59	101	120	1	1	2	4	1	4	9		4	4
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	16	29	45	9		9	2			2	2	2	4
Hinsdale,			32	47	79	2	1	3	2		2	4		10	10
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth,	Dec, 10, 1782,													
	Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845.	86	104	140	1	4	5	2		5	7	1	9	10
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	July 1, 1818.	70	237	307	8	11	19	2	1	2	5	5	7	12
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	31	70	101	12		12					5		5
Nelson,	C. N. Ransom,	Stated supply.	44	59	103	1		1	2	1	3	6		3	3
Harrisville,	William G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	23	42	65		2	2	7			7		1	1
Roxbury,	Samuel H. Tolman,	Stated supply.	11	19	30										
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinson, D. D.	Jan. 5, 1803.	8	32	40	3		3	3			3	3	1	4
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1845.	28	57	85	5	1	6	4		3	7		3	3
Surry,			2	12	14						2	2			
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 15, 1836.	23	35	58	2	3	5	1		2	3	2	4	6
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	21	47	68						1	1		1	1
Walpole,			23	75	98	Last year.									
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	42	113	155	1	1	2	1		11	12		11	11
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	64	130	194	15	1	16	5		2	7	5	4	9
19 churches.	19 ministers.		644	1433	2077	69	29	98	44	2	42	89	29	64	93

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Bath,	Thomas Boutelle,	March 10, 1853.	37	89	126		2	2	5	3	8		12	12
Canaan,	Moses Gerould,	Stated supply.	7	15	22									
Haverhill,	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849.	36	119	155	2	1	3		4	4		1	1
Haverhill North,	Destitute.		7	6	13	Last year's report.								
Hanover Centre,	A. H. Cutter,	1849.												
Lyme,	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 15, 1831,	134	231	365	4	6	10	7	4	11			
Orford East,	Jotham Sewall,	Feb. 16, 1853.	46	39	85		2	2	4		4		1	1
Orford West,	Ira Case,	Dec. 1, 1852.	22	50	72		3	2	2		2			
Piermont,	J. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	36	65	101					2	2			
Wentworth,	J. S. Davis,	June 20, 1822.	12	24	36				5	2	7			
10 churches.	8 ministers.		337	638	975	6	14	20	23	15	38		14	14

Without charge—Nathan Lord, D. D., Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Moses Searle.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
n,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	14	32	46	1		1			1	1	1		1
ntwood,	Vacant.	Last year's report.	22	52	74										
er,	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1853.	87	286	373	18	5	23	2		5	7	8		8
ham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	9	50	59		3	3			4	4			
...g,	Lyman White,	Stated supply.	19	32	51				1			1			
ter, 1st church,	Vacant,		47	80	127						1	1		1	1
do. 2d do,	Isaac Hurd, / Asa Mann,	Sept. 11, 1817. / Nov. 19, 1851.	18	78	96						1	1			
enland,	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852.	16	31	47		6	6	1		1	2		1	1
npton,	Solomon P. Fay,	Sept. 6, 1849.	68	140	208	10	5	15	2		7	9	2	7	9
gston,	Vacant.	Last year's report.	18	49	67										
ton,	James Doldt,	Last year's report.	27	56	83										
w Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	7	20	27										
wington,	Vacant.														
w Market,	Elliott C. Cogswell,	Stated supply.	13	28	41						3	3		2	2
rth Hampton,	Jonathan French, D. D. / J. Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1801. / Nov. 18, 1852.	74	109	183			41				5			22
	Vacant.		78	213	291			24				14			5
rtsmouth,	David Burt,	Nov. 4, 1851.	52	84	137	3	3	6	1			1	1	3	4
ymond,	George Spaulding,	Stated supply.	19	81	100	4	4	8	3		2	5	2	2	4
chester,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	31	73	104							2			4
e,	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	22	48	70				1		2	3		1	1
brook & Hamp. Falls	Edward E. Atwater,	Feb. 3, 1852.	29	67	96	15	3	17	7		1	8	5		5
mon Falls, Rollinsford	James T. M'Collom,	Oct. 2, 1844.	45	108	153	1	7	8	2	1	2	5	1	2	3
eat Falls,	Winthrop Fifield,	Stated supply.	10	17	27	3	1	4			2	2	2	3	5
th New Market,	Vacant.		19	29	48							2			
...am,															

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'nts.			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	88	122	110	44	8	52	2	5		7	17	7	24
Charlestown,	Worthington Wright,	March 16, 1852.	19	56	75	3	4	7	4	2		6	1	1	2
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	66	150	216	27	3	30	6	5		11	15	14	29
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Dec. 1, 1835.	*31	48	79										
Croydon,			24	42	66	1		1	2			2			
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.	April 2, 1842.	92	142	234	14	4	18	2	1		3	5	1	6
Enfield,	Daniel Pulsifer,	Stated supply.	8	9	17										
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated supply.	20	33	53	3	2	5		1		1		1	1
Langdon,	Edwin Jennison,	Stated supply.	15	27	42	3	1	4	2	1		3		4	4
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	41	93	134		1	1	3			3		1	1
Lempster, 1st,	Robert Page,	Stated supply.	27	43	70	1		1	3	2		5	1	4	5
Lempster, 2d,			12	15	27										
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 3, 1840.	39	63	102	15	3	18	2	1		3	5	2	7
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851.	99	165	264	98	15	113	8	2		10	41	19	60
Plainfield,	Jacob Seales,	S. S. since Sept. 1842.	6	28	34										
	No report.		*3	6	9										
Unity,	John F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	11	33	44		3	3		1		1		1	1
Washington,	Rufus Case,	June 26, 1851.	25	36	61		1	1						4	4
West Lebanon,															
18 churches.	15 ministers.		626	1111	1737	209	45	254	34	21		55	85	59	144

Without charge—John Woods, Newport; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., John M. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover; E. T. Rowe, Meriden. C. B. Haddock, D. D., Portugal. Licentiate—C. S. Richards, Meriden.

* From last year's report.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adul.	Inf.	Tot.
rton,	John M. Whiton,	Stated supply.			*170										
,	Destitute.				*50										
,,					*52										
	Wm. P. Gale,	Stated supply.	12	27	39										
ncestown,	L. Taylor,	Nov. 19, 1851.	103	216	308	11	3	14	8	2	8	18	1	13	16
enfield, Evan.	Jonathan McGee,	Stated supply.	42	92	124	3	1	4			2	2		3	3
enfield, Cong.	John LeBosquet,	Stated supply.	34	72	108	2		2			3	3		1	1
icock,	A. Bigelow,	May 15, 1850.	70	121	191		2	2	2		3	7			
lsborough Centre,	Samuel H. Partridge,	May 10, 1853.	23	34	57						1	1	6	6	6
lsborough Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	16	37	53	1	1	2	3		3	5			
ndeborough,	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.			*130										
w Boston,	A. Rawson,	Stated supply.			*165										
erborough,	Destitute.				*140										
13 churches.	10 ministers.		300	588	1587	17	7	24	15	2	22	39	1	25	26

Without charge—Daniel Goodhue, Shelburne.

* From last year's report.

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Communic'ts.	Add.	Removed.	Bap.
Belknap,	16	12	1385	66	51	47
Caledonia,	3	2	179	7	7	4
Deerfield,	6	4	488	11	16	11
Derry,	11	10	1411	54	56	33
Harmony,	12	8	713	9	16	4
Hollis,	17	15	2946	89	83	65
Hopkinton,	20	19	2351	88	61	45
Lancaster,	5	3	172		6	2
Manchester,	10	9	1335	108	48	52
Monadnock,	22	19	2077	98	89	93
Orange,	10	8	975	20	38	14
Piscataqua,	24	20	2508	156	76	75
Sullivan,	18	15	1737	254	55	144
Uunion,	13	10	1587	24	39	26
14	187	154	19,864	984	641	613
From note below,			303			
			20,167			

In the recapitulation we have included the return of last year from the 2d church of New Ipswich, 60 members; also Wilton from a former report, 107 members. Also, Hooksett, 39 members; Shelburne, 7 members; Dorchester, 15 members. Hanover Centre belongs to Orange Association, but was not reported. We estimate its members 75. The Publishing Committee add these to the sum of the communicants.

The District Associations have all sent in their reports. The communicants in Manchester Association average 1335, not 1235 as in the schedule. 6 Associations report a decrease of 53; 1 no change; and 7 report an increase of 396; net increase 343.

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap,	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia,	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes.
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Harmony,	
Hollis,	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Henry A. Kendall.
Lancaster,	
Manchester,	T. P. Sawin.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua,	Lyman White.
Sullivan,	R. F. Lawrence.
Union,	Jonathan McGee.

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.**	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Belk.& Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May.	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. March,	April, May	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.

* Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † Also, Am. and Foreign Christian Union.

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NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

1854.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at Derry, in the Meeting House of the First Church, on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1854, at 0 o'clock, A. M. The meeting was opened by a Concio by Rev. J. Cummings, from Ps. 73 : 26. After Sermon the preacher took the hair ; credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and rom Foreign Bodies were presented and the following members vere found to constitute the General Association :

Delegates.	Associations.
Rev. JAMES BOUTWELL,	Belknap.
RUFUS CHILDS,	
DANIEL McCLENNING,	Caledonia.
E. F. ABBOTT,	Deerfield.
J. M. C. BARTLEY,	Derry.
LOREN THAYER,	
DANIEL D. TAPPAN,	Harmony.
CHARLES D. HERBERT,	Hollis.
P. B. DAY,	
DANIEL MARCH,	
WM. T. SAVAGE,	Hopkinton.
NATHANIEL BOUTON, D.D.	
EDWARD BUXTON,	
E. G. LITTLE,	Manchester.
THOMAS SAVAGE,	
THOMAS S. NORTON,	Monadnock.
J. P. HUMPHREY,	
WM. G. TUTTLE,	
BEZALEEL SMITH,	
JOTHAM SEWALL,	Orange.
EDWARD ROBIE,	Piscataqua.
B. F. PARSONS,	
WINTHROP FIFIELD,	
LATHROP TAYLOR,	Union.
SAMUEL PARTRIDGE,	
J. K. YOUNG, Secretarp,	Members ex officio.
A. P. TENNEY, Treasnrer,	
J. W. WELLMAN, Derry,	

P. F. BARNARD,	General Conference of Maine.
C. W. MATHEWS,	General Convention of Pres. & Cong. Churches of Wisconsin,
C. F. MUSSEY,	Ohio General Conference.
E. E. SEELEY,	Gen. Assem. Pres. Church, O. S.
E. TAYLOR,	Gen. Assem. Pres. Church, N. S.
M. W. BURLINGAME,	N. H. Freewill Baptist Conference.
C. BURNHAM,	General Association of Iowa.
AMRI CAMP,	Gen. Asso. of New York & Brooklyn.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. P. B. Day, Moderator; Rev. L. Taylor, Scribe; Rev. E. Robie, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the body were read by the Secretary, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Adjourned till two o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Messrs. Wellman, Savage and Boutwell were appointed a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Little, Merrill, Taylor and Camp were appointed a Committee to take minutes of the narratives of the state of religion.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Bartlett, the narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the District Associations and Corresponding Bodies were presented.

Remarks were offered by Rev. Mr. Willey, and prayer by Prof. Noyes and Rev. Mr. Fifield.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Camp.

The Treasurer presented his Report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Rev. A. P. Tenney was re-elected Treasurer, and Rev. Dr. Bouton was chosen Auditor.

Voted, That a tax of 25 cents be assessed upon each member of the District Associations, to defray the expenses of the year ensuing.

The following were appointed Delegates to Foreign Bodies:—

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. James Boutwell, Primary, Rev. Horace Wood, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. L. Taylor, Primary, Rev. Erdix Tenny, Substitue.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Amos Blanchard, Primary, Rev. Otis Holmes, Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. J. K. Young, Primary, Rev. I. T. Otis, Substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. T. Savage, Primary, Rev. L. Armsby, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. J. G. Davis, Primary, Rev. A. P. Tenney, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. A. Benson, Primary, Rev. T. Boutelle, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan, Rev. Asa Mann, Primary, Rev. Charles A. Downs, Substitute.

To the General Association of Illinois, Rev. J. M. Ellis, Primary, Rev. E. E. Adams, Substitute.

To the General Association of Iowa, Rev. E. E. Adams, Primary, Rev. J. M. Ellis, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., Rev. Jacob Cummings, Primary, Rev. E. G. Little, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., Rev. H. E. Parker, Primary, Rev. J. W. Wellman, Substitute.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton.

To the New Hampshire Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, Rev. L. Townsend, Primary, Rev. J. B. Hill, Substitute.

To the N. H. Methodist Conference, Rev. B. Smith, Primary, Rev. W. Fifield, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, Rev. Jotham Sewall, Primary, Rev. J. H. Merrill, Substitute.

Rev. Dr. Bouton, of the Committee to whom had been referred the subject of altering the business arrangements of the General Association, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:--

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of alterations in the business arrangements of the General Association, respectfully report, that they have attended to the subject referred to them, and would recommend to the Association the following alterations:

1. That to the schedule of the Annual Report of the state of the churches, the following articles be added, viz.

(1.) The amouut of ministerial support.
(2) Amount of contributions for benevolent objects.
(3) The number of contributors to ministerial support.
(4) Population of the town.
(5) Average number of the congregation.

2. We recommend that the annual statistical returns be committted to the Standing Secretary of this Association, to be arranged and preserved by him on file, or to be published according to the order of the Association.

3. To accommodate the Christian community in business transactions with our benevolent Societies; to promote economy in time, and, we hope, in expense; to furnish a suitable place for the resort of ministers to see each other and acquire religious information, on occasions of their visit to the Capital; — the Committee recommend that a suitable man in Concord be appointed, by the concurrent ballot of the N. H. Missionary and Bible Societies — and approved by this Body, — who shall provide proper accommodations in a central place; keep a Depository of Bibles and Tracts, and such other publications as may be desirable; shall act as Treasurer for our various

benevolent Associations, — to receive, disburse, and account for the monies paid to him for these objects; have charge of whatever funds belong to said Societies, subject to the rules and regulations of each Society: — and shall give bonds for the security of all funds in his hands as Treasurer, and make an annual report of the receipts, disbursements and funds of said Societies.

The Committee further recommend, that in case the foregoing be approved and adopted, a Committee of three be appointed by this Association to confer with the Trustees and Directors of the N. H. Missionary and Bible Societies as to the locating and furnishing of a suitable room; the amount of compensation to be allowed the person so appointed, and the principle on which the compensation and necessary expenses shall be defrayed.

Voted that the Standing Secretary be instructed to prepare new schedules of statistics to correspond with the changes proposed in the annual Returns of the churches.

Rev. Dr. Stone, Delegate to the Iowa General Association, Rev. Mr. Savage, Delegate to the O. S. General Assembly, and Rev. Mr. Young, Delegate to the New Hampshire Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, severally reported their attendance upon those bodies and their kind reception. Which reports were accepted.

The report of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented and accepted.

The Committee appointed to report to this Body, on "the best measures for the permanent enlargement of the Widows' Charitable Fund," submitted the following report, which was adopted:

1. That the annual donation of one dollar each by ministers be continued.

2. That collections be taken as now at the meeting of this Body, and of the State Convention.

3. That a collection be taken up by our churches at one communion season each year.

4. That Ladies' Associations to aid the Fund be formed, where practicable — a noble example of which we have had for years, in the Ladies' Association at Exeter.

5. That one or more of the travelling Agents of our State Charitable Societies and the Pastors of our churches be requested, as they may have opportunity, to explain the object of this Fund, and solicit donations and bequests to it.

The Committee to assign the place of meeting for the next year and the preacher, reported Concord First Church as the place, and Belknap Association to appoint the preacher. Rev. A. P. Tenney was nominated the preacher before Communion, and Rev. J. H. Merrill his substitute. Which report was adopted.

Rev. Messrs. Tenney, March and Humphrey were appointed a Committee to report on the subject of Slavery. Resolutions from the Hollis Association on the subject were referred to that Committee.

Rev. Messrs. R. F. Lawrence, E. D. Eldridge and R. Case were

appointed a Committee to confer with the Bible and Missionary Societies in reference to Dr. Bouton's Report.

Suspended business to attend the exercises of the Benevolent Societies.

The New Hampshire Education Society was addressed by Rev. J. Cummings and Rev. Mr. Tarbox, Secretary of the Am. Ed. Soc.

Tho Association devoted a short season to prayer with reference to the prevailing severe drought. Remarks were made by Rev. Dr. French, and Rev. Mr. Tenney led the devotions in prayer.

The anniversary Sabbath School exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. McCollom. Rev. J. H. Merrill, the Secretary, presented the Annual Report. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Parsons of Dover, Rev. Mr. Munro, Secretary for New England, Rev. L. Taylor of Francestown, and Rev. Mr. Bullard, Secretary of the Mass. S. S. Society.

Adjourned to half past one o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted to publish 600 copies of the Minutes of the Association.

The following brethren were appointed to give certificates of regular standing to Ministers and Candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State :—Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., Jonathan French, D. D., A. W. Burnham, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, S. T. Abbott, J. Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D. N. Lord, D. D., A. Bodwell.

Rev. Messrs. C. Curtice and A. Smith were appointed a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Address for next year.

Rev. Messrs. L. Taylor, Robie, Case and D. Kimball were appointed a Committee of publication.

The Delegate from the O, S. General Assembly presented his report of the state of religion.

Had a recess to attend the anniversary of the N. H. Bible Society.

Scriptures were read and prayer offered by Rev. R. Case. A Sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Holloway of the Dutch Reformed Church, New York.

Association resumed business. Delegates from the Ohio General Conference, General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of Wisconsin, and the General Conference of Maine presented their reports on the state of religion.

The Moderator, under the necessity of being absent the remainder of the session, was excused. Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. Sewall.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the objects of the Congregational Library Association strongly commend the Institution to our sympathy and co-operation ; and that all the Congregational Ministers in the State be re-

quested to bring the subject before their congregations, and to take such measures as they may deem appropriate to secure the membership and co-operation of the laymen in their respective churches.

Voted, That this Association recommend to the Ministers of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of New Hampshire to bring the cause of the Education Society before their respective congregations once in a year, and take up collections for the same.

The following preamble and resolutions on the subject of slavery were adopted :

Whereas we have ardently hoped that these United States are to be filled with a free, intelligent, and Christian population, therefore,-

Resolved, That we have witnessed, with sorrow and alarm, the recent action of our Congress in removing the ancient landmarks of Freedom, thereby opening new Territories to the occupation of slavery.

Resolved, That in this humiliating exigency we feel impelled to bear a more open and decided testimony against the iniquitous aggressions of American slavery.

Resolved, That we earnestly desire the co-operation of those Societies which are engaged in providing an Evangelical literature for our popuiatlon, in exposing the true nature and practical working of this system.

Resolved, That we deplore the recent manifestations of a disposition to defend the custom of slaveholding, by the Ministers and Churches most familiar with its evils ; especially, as this appears in contrast with the opinions expressed by their ecclesiastical Associations a few years ago.

Resolved, That we recommend united prayer to Almighty God, that he will defeat every plan to extend the domain of oppression and deliver our land from the guilt of slavery.

Resolved, That this Association learn with pleasure that the Congregational Board of Publication are publishing standard theological Books and Tracts, and are furnishing Pastors' Libraries for our Western Ministers.

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the course of this Board, in publishing on all the truths of the Gospel, and in applying these truths against all sin, slavery not excepted.

Resolved, That we recommend this Board of Publication to the favorable regard and contributions of our churches.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. Dr. Stone, was adopted.

Resolved, That this Association approve of the proposition to prepare a historical manual of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches of New Hampshire, and that the Ministers and churches encourage the proposition as far as practicable.

The following brethren were appointed Committees on the several subjects named. Rev. E. E. Adams, on the Seamen's cause. Rev. Mr. March, on Foreign Missions. Rev. E. H. Greeley, on the F. & Am. Christian Union. Rev. A. Jenkins, Jr., on the Tract Cause. Rev. Mr. Merrill, on Sabbath Schools.

The cause of the Board of Publication, the Am. and For. Christian Union, and the American Tract Society were severally presented and advocated.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be presented to the people of Derry for their kind and generous hospitality, and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services; also, to those Railroad Companies that have favored its members and their wives with a reduction of fare in coming to and returning from this place.

At 10 o'clock, Association gave place for the anniversary of the N. H. Missionary Society. The Secretary of the Society presented his Report. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Bartlett of Manchester, and Rev. Mr. Noyes, one of the Secretaries of the American Home Missionary Society.

Adjourned till half past one.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee on the narrative of the state of religion presented their report; which was accepted and ordered to be published with the Minutes; also, in the Congregational Journal.

Rev. Mr. Brainerd, one of the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter, presented a draft of the same, which was committed to the disposal of the Committee of Publication.

Rev. Dr. Bouton and Rev. Mr. Fitz were appointed to officiate at the Communion.

Voted, That the report on Foreign Missions, by Rev. J. Sewall, be published in the Congregational Journal.

Voted, That the Secretaries of Societies, so far as they relate to their subjects, be honorary members of the Association.

Voted to adjourn after the public services.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett preached the Communion Sermon, from 1 John 2 : 1; and the Sacrament was administered by Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. and Rev. Mr. Fitz.

Adjourned, *sine die*.

P. B. DAY, *Moderator*.
N. BOUTON, *Moderator. pro tem.*

L. TAYLOR, *Scribe*.
E. ROBIE, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF RELIGION,

As we have walked about Zion to tell her towers and to mark her bulwarks, it is with deep and mingled feelings that we sit down to report the general condition of the churches represented in this Association. We can but lament that mainly there comes up but one voice, speaking to us in sad and solemn tones, saying, Zion "languisheth and mourneth."

Many churches during the past year have diminished rather than increased in numbers; others have no more than retained their former standing, while whole local Associations report but small gains over their losses by death and dismissions. No general and extensive revivals are reported within our bounds. Such facts bespeak but too plainly the absence of a spirit of prayer,—deep, fervent and earnest prayers to God for his blessing upon the preached word and stated means of grace. But while we mourn over the desolations of Zion and weep because so few come to our solemn feasts; yet we bless the Great Head of the church, that he has not left us entirely without a witness of his love and mercy; for though we are not permitted to record any extensive work of grace, yet upon many of our churches mercy has distilled like gentle dews, and precious souls have been gathered into the fold of Christ; so that, amid the general spiritual drought, there is here and there to be met with a pleasant and beautiful spot to please the eye and gladden the heart, where God has vouchsafed to give his saving grace—of these we would mention Hancock, South Merrimack, Portsmouth, Meredith Village, Dover, Tamworth and Sanbornton Bridge; neither has God forgotten the young in our institutions of learning. Pembroke Academy, Merrimack Normal Institute, and our College, have witnessed all His saving help and strength. God has in these instances given us the pledges of his love and of his willingness to help his people when they wait upon him. These are so many encouragements for prayer—special prayer—that God may arise in his strength and make manifest his saving power, and that Zion may arise and shine, her light being come and the glory of the Lord having arisen upon her.

In reference to the outward prosperity of our churches, we are devoutly grateful to God, that we are able to report more favorably to the general peace and harmony which prevail in the midst of the most, if not all our churches. Many of our congregations are increasing in numbers, and the word preached is listened to with attention and evident interest.

The various causes of Christian benevolence have received increased subscriptions, and have claimed and received more general interest and attention. The Pastor's welfare in many instances, (yet by far too small) has been looked after, and small salaries, affording but a very limited support, substantially increased

Sabbath Schools are receiving more general attention, and enlisting the sympathies and prayers of the churches, as the nurseries of piety; and it is worthy of remark that most of the conversions reported have been from the Sabbath Schools.

We cannot but remark with deep solicitude the very small number of Infant Baptisms reported during the year; some of the Associations report fewer baptisms than churches. Can it be, that parents are unwilling to enter into covenant relations with a faithful and covenant-keeping God in behalf of their beloved offspring? Can it be, that they wish to cast off their responsibility upon others? If so, we may well look for desolations in Zion. We would earnestly invite the attention of all who love the cause of our Redeemer to this subject. of vital interest.

We are impressed with the absolute need of renewed and combined efforts in the cause of Temperance among all the lovers of morality and good order.

It is with devout gratitude to God that we are called upon to record but one death the past year of settled Pastors. We mourn the loss of two venerated and beloved fathers — Rev. Isaac Robinson, D. D., of Stoddard, and Rev. Ebenezer Hill, of Mason:—venerable men, who stood among us as the representatives of a generation of servants of God, that have passed away. When we remember them with their compeers, we are constrained to say, "The fathers, where are they—and the prophets, do they live forever?" Let their mantles fall on us—their successors—with a double portion of their spirit.

Delegates of Corresponding Bodies bring us their greetings of love and fellowship,—mourning with us over spiritual desolations, yet rejoicing in outward prosperity,—encouraging us to persevere in well-doing. It is peculiarly gratifying to us to welcome delegations from the newly organized bodies in the West, and we hail them as harbingers of peace.

Upon the whole, while we have much to encourage us, we have the most powerful reasons urging us to cry unto God, "Turn us again; and cause thy face to shine upon us, and we shall be saved."

In behalf of the Committee, E. G. LITTLE,

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of New Hampshire sends Christian Salutations to the Churches in their connection.

DEAR BRETHREN—Permit us to address you a few words on a subject of deep interest to yourselves and to the church of Christ. It is that you may "Adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things."

1. By the cultivation of *personal* religion. The gospel fails of its grand design if it do not reach, with its purifying and saving power, the individual heart. It is ordained of God to be the savor of life unto life, or of death unto death to every soul brought under its influence. You profess to have felt its quickening power and by the renewing of the Holy Ghost, to have passed from death unto life and to have become new creatures in Christ Jesus. Evince, then, the reality of this change by walking in newness of life. Grow in grace by a diligent use of all your many means and opportunities of spiritual improvement. To this end perform all and every known duty. Search the Scriptures daily; store your memories with their sacred teachings; and let the word of eternal life dwell in your hearts richly by faith; and your souls be imbued with the truths and the spirit of that blessed book of books. Let the secret place of prayer witness the fervor and frequency of your supplications. Examine your own selves and prove your own selves, not by comparing yourselves with others, but by the light of revealed truth and by the Holy Spirit. Rest not satisfied with some past experience of the love of God shed abroad in the heart; but obtain a living and abiding evidence of your vital union with Christ. Then will your religion not bring doubt and gloom over your own soul, but will be to it a fount of perennial joy, and you, as living epistles, known and read of all men, will so let your light shine before men as to manifest to the world the power and the excellency of true piety.

2. By careful attention to family religion. God has established the family. He has designed it to be for us an oasis in the desert — the calm and happy retreat from the noise and strife of life and the home of the heart's purest and noblest pleasure and joys. But the ruinous effects of the fall are felt upon all the relations and institutions of man. Sin has poisoned this fountain of our present happiness, and its only antidote is true religion.

"Hence from out the selfsame fount,
One nectar drinks, another draughts of gall,"

according as this antidote is or is not employed.

If you then would have your tabernacle abide in peace, let the sacred fire burn steadily and clearly on the domestic altar, fed by the morning and the evening oblation. If you would have your children remember their Creator with love and holy reverence ; would have them walk in wisdom's ways and prove blessings to themselves, to their friends, to the world and to the church, teach them diligently the great truths of God's holy word. Teach them to pray, to keep the Sabbath holy in all its hours, to prize highly the services of the sanctuary, and to esteem and honor the ministry of reconciliation. Let your precept and example go hand in hand, animated and exalted by the spirit of genuine piety. Then will your house be like the house of Obededom where the ark of God abode, and where the blessing of God rested ; then will your family be a family that calls upon the name of the Lord and your household belong to the household of faith.

The evils springing out of the neglect of family religion need not be portrayed. They are seen and felt every where. It is to be feared that the present alarming prevalence of irreligion is, in no small degree, to be ascribed to this cause. From what multitudes of families is religion entirely excluded : and in what numbers of other families professedly regardful of it, is religion shut from its appropriate sphere, so that it exerts but little influence for good upon the children. So let it not be with you ; but let religion occupy its true place in your hearts and in your families.

Then will your children rise up and call you blessed, and sacredly cherish your memories. Then will your dwelling be like an earthly paradise, fragrant with the flowers and fruits of piety and the abode of peace ; and your family belong to the family of the first-born whose names are written in heaven.

3. By the faithful discharge of your duties as citizens. American citizenship is a birthright. Its rights and privileges we value as our blood-bought and most precious heritage. No man or set of men may rob us of it. Nor may we blamelessly neglect the discharge of its high and responsible duties.

The character of our laws and the manner of their enforcement depend much upon the spirit and principles of the men who make and interpret and execute our laws. The stream will not rise higher than the fountain head ; nor will the morality of our government be better than the morals of those who administer it. Office clothes a man with power and influence for evil as well as good. When vicious men rule us, have we any good reason to expect that they will prove the ministers of God for good to us ? Is it not more reasonable to expect that vice will openly prevail unrebuked and unpunished ? Does not the history of our world confirm the declaration of God's word that " When the wicked beareth rule the people mourn ; and when the vilest men are exalted the wicked walk on every side ?" It is to be feared that the Christian is merged in the partizan and politician, and that, by the suffrages of good men, bad men are knowingly raised to the high places of power.

Let it not be said that we recommend the carrying of religion into politics.—But we do recommend the carrying out of moral principle and the making a conscience of the discharge of our high duties as American citizens. We would have you, as Christians in exercising your right of suffrage, be guided by heavenly wisdom ; and provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God—men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such over you to be rulers. We would have you " make Judges and officers throughout all your gates which the Lord your God giveth you in all your towns and countries, and state and land, who shall rule the people righteously and judge them with just judgment." " For when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." But if Christians will not conscientiously act in the fear of God in the performance of their civil and political duties, who will ? If they who profess to be guided by principles of righteousness in all their duties toward God and man, will lend their influence to elect corrupt men to office and to sustain them in carrying out wicked measures, hath not " the salt lost its savor ?" If the Church be not purer than the State, what is there to save us from civil and political corruption and crime and ruin ? What consistency is there between our prayers that good men may be placed in authority over us, and that God will rule in the hearts of our rulers, and our conduct in reference to a favorable answer ?

As members of society let it be apparent that your influence and efforts go to discourage iniquity under every disguise and form ; and to encourage "whatsoever things are pure, and lovely, and just, and true and of good report." It is a contradiction in terms to speak of the licentious and profane, the lying, dishonest and intemperate Christian. There may be some such who bear the Christian name ; but who are enemies of the cross of Christ ; who disgrace their profession and wound the Savior in the house of his friends.

But are there not many in the churches, who. though not guilty of flagrant immoralities, yet exert no decided influence against them ?—who put forth no earnest endeavors for their suppression ? They will do nothing themselves against prevalent sins in the community, and often oppose and thwart the efforts of others to do them away. Instead of being burning and shining lights, and letting their light so shine before men as to illumine their darkness, they are stumbling blocks in the pathway of those mere moralists, whose morality is purer and more active and exhibits a truer and more genuine love to man than does their professed piety. Is there not mournful proof that many of our churches contain such members, whose wealth or talents give them influence ; but whose influence in respect of *practical* religion is painfully adverse ? or falls below that of the mere moralist ? But, brethren, in so doing you furnish occasion to the enemy to speak reproachfully of our holy religion ; and instead of adorning the doctrine of God our Savior, you dishonor it.

Lastly. By consistent and devoted lives, as members of the church of Christ. Under various figures the church is shadowed forth—It is the BODY of Christ; and we are members of it in particular. As in the living body no member is useless, but has its own appropriate offices to perform, so is it with each member in the body of Christ. Let not the drunkard's drink poison or palsy any members of this body. Let not sin reign in your mortal body that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin ; but yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead."

The church is the SCHOOL of Christ. In it the ransomed spirit is trained up for glory, and honor, and immortality. And where should the disciples of Christ be found and *love* to be found, but in the school of the Great Teacher, sitting at his feet as humble learners and receiving his sacred instruction ?

The church is God's vineyard. Christians are laborers in it together with God ; and none are brought into the vineyard to fold their hands and sit down in idleness. There is much to be done in the church and out of it to maintain its order and purity, and to increase it in graces and numbers. In cultivating the waste places of Zion every man should labor over against his own house. In the field, which is the world, every one who has a heart to work for Christ may find full employment and scope for all personal endeavors to save souls suited to his strength and capacities.

In the liberal support of the gospel ministry the members of the church should be foremost. "They which wait at the altar should be partakers of the altar ; Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." For this object it is your duty to contribute as God hath prospered you ; and not to think it a great matter that those who have sowed to you in spiritual things should reap your carnal things.

In the maintenance of public worship and ordinances of religion, your example should be worthy of all imitation. Your attendance on the house of God should be constant and punctual. Not only multitudes of those who are not professors of religion neglect the house of God ; but many of the professed followers of Christ satisfy themselves with very slight excuses for absenting themselves from the place where God has recorded his name. But if it is the minister's duty to be present in the sanctuary and labor there for the edification of the church, is it not the duty of the members of the church, unless there be some reason for absence which God will accept as sufficient, to be there also ?

Upon the members of the church of God rests the fulfilment of the Savior's great command :—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The centuries which have passed away since Christ uttered these

words, prove that the gospel will not promulgate itself, nor be promulgated without human agency. In order that it may accomplish its heavenly mission, men must give of their property and must give themselves to the great and good work of publishing it throughout the earth. For how shall dying men "believe on him of whom they have never heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" For what enterprize, if not for this, should you give not grudgingly and sparingly, but freely and liberally? For the success of what other enterprize, if not for this, should your most fervent prayers be offered up? Do your prayers and your alms deeds come up as a memorial before God that His Son may have "the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession?" Do you hear with a heart of sympathy the recital of heathen woes and look with an eye of pity upon their degradation, while you steel your heart and close your eyes against the wrongs and oppression of millions of miserable bondmen in our own land? If no way of consistent political action opens before you, is the way to the mercy-seat in behalf of these oppressed closed against you? If not, do you remember those that are in bonds as bound with them? Is it the burden of your prayer that God will have mercy upon them and work out for them and for our country gracious deliverances instead of pouring upon us the vials of His wrath? How dwells the Spirit of Christ and the love of God in that soul which feels no compassion for the millions of our own suffering bondmen, and which urges no petition at the court of Heaven for the deliverance of these captives.

So live, beloved Christian friends, in the performance of the solemn duties to your own souls, and to your families and to the State and to the church of God as to adorn the doctrine of God your Savior, that when life shall close, its work may be finished and you may receive from the lips of your Judge the plaudit: "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

For the Committee,

T. G. BRAINERD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

In account with A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer.

DR.	To paid Rev. D. Kimball's bill for printing and distributing the Minutes, and for postage on the same,					$32,50
	To Rev. J. K. Young's bill,					,75
						33,25
CR.	Received of Hopkinton Asso.	7,00	Monadnock,	7,50		
	Derry	3,50	Hollis	5,00		
	Union	4,00	Orange	2,00		
	Sullivan	5,50	Caledonja	1,00		
	Deerfield	1,50	Belknap	3,50		
	Piscataqua	8,00				48,50
	Balance in Treasury when last audited,					20,50
			Receipts,			69,00
			Expenditures,			33,25
			Balance,			35,75

I hereby certify that I have examined and cast the foregoing account of the Treasurer of the Gen. Asso. N. H. and find it correct. N. BOUTON,

AUG. 22, 1854. AUDITOR.

Statistics of the Churches.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adt.	Inf.	Tot.
Alton,	Vacant. Last Report.		3	8	11										
Barnstead,	Enos George.	Sept. 26, 1804.	95	139	234										
Bridgewater,	Vacant.														
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson.	Dec. 23, 1840.	15	29	44	2		2			1	1			
Campton,	Charles Shedd.	March 24, 1842.	27	53	80	7		7	2			2	2	6	8
Gilmanton Centre.	R. M. Sargent.	April 27, 1852.	52	83	135	5		5	14		1	15	3	3	6
Gilmanton East,	Vacant.	Last Report.	14	24	38										
Gilmanton Iron Works	Rufus Childs.	Nov. 6, 1844.	42	75	117	3		3					1		1
Groton,	Liba Conant.	Stated Supply.	13	17	30				2			2	1		1
Hebron,			6	21	27										
Loudon 1st church,	Ordway.	Stated Supply.	26	58	84	5	1	6			1	1	1		1
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young.	Nov. 30, 1831.	50	133	183	2	10	12	1	1		2		11	11
Meredith Village,	Vacant.		24	57	81	6		6		1	2	3	3	2	5
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett.	June 25, 1845.	42	116	158	1	2	3	4		5	9	1		1
Sanbornton,	James Boutwell.	June 4, 1852.	54	91	145		1	1	2		1	3		1	1
Thornton,	Vacant.	Last Report.	9	13	22										
16 Churches.	10 Ministers.				1389			45				38			53

Without Charge—Rev. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton.

CALEDONIAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot	Baptisms. Adt.	Inf.	Total.
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter.	Dec. 26, 1842.	33	96	129		6	6						3	3
Bethlehem,	D. McClenning.*	April 29, 1852.*	12	23	35		3	3	2			2			
Franconia,			4	10	14		2	2							
3 Churches.	2 Ministers.	* dismissed Aug. 25, 1854.			178			11				2			3

Without Charge—Rev. David Sutherland, Bath.

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Chichester,	S. M. Blanchard,	Stated Supply.	40	71	111	2	0	2	2	3	5	2	2	4
Deerfield,	E. F. Abbott,	Stated Supply.	38	61	99		3	3	1	4	5			
Epsom,	Vacant.		33	65	98	6	1	7		2	2	1		1
London 2d church.	Charles Willey.	Stated Supply.	12	32	44				1	3	4			
Northwood,	Otis Holmes.	Jan. 1, 1850.	30	51	81				2	5	7		1	1
Nottingham,	Vacant.			2	4									
Pittsfield,	Vacant.				161									
7 Churches.	4 Ministers.				598			12			23			6

Without Charge—Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield ; Josiah Prentice, Northwood.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot	Adt.	Inft.	Tot.
Pelham,	Vacant.				86										
Windham,	Loren Thayer.	Nov. 5, 1844.	49	89	138		2	2	6	2	7	15		4	4
Derry, Cong.	E. G. Parsons.	Oct. 1, 1851.	35	102	137	2	7	9	6		1	7	1		1
Derry, Pres.	Joshua W. Wellman.	June 18, 1851.	86	168	254	4	3	7	1		4	5	1	5	6
Chester,	Lauren Armsby.	May 27, 1846.	71	123	194	6	9	15			5	5	1	3	4
Auburn,	James Holmes.	Dec. 5. 1849.	16	31	47	1	2	3	2		2	4	1		1
Candia,	William T. Herrick.	July 5, 1854.	96	162	258		2	2	6		5	11			
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley.	Oct. 12, 1836.	25	60	85	2		2	1		3	4	1	2	3
Salem,	William Page.	Dec. 1, 1853.	14	44	58	6	4	10	5		3	8	5	7	12
Atkinson,	Jesse Page.	Stated Supply.	30	60	90										
Plaistow,	Tenney.	Stated Supply.	22	51	73	5	4	9	2		2	4	4	8	12
11 Churches.	10 Ministers.				1420			59				63			43

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Additions. Prof.	Let,	Tot.	Removals. Dis.	Ex.	Died	Tot.	Baptisms. Adt.	Inft.	Total.
Conway,*	Vacant,		24	50	74						1	1			
Effingham, 1st Cong.	Baptist ¼ of the time.		7	18	25						1	1			
Moultonborough,	Joshua Dodge. / W. Willey.	Feb. 27, 1828. / Stated Supply.	29	44	73						3	3			
Ossipee,	Horace Wood.	Stated Supply.	29	42	71	8		8	2		2	4	2	1	3
Sandwich Corner,*	Vacant.		19	36	55										
Sandwich North,*	Vacant.		7	12	19										
Tamworth,	J. H. Merrill.	Aug. 17, 1853.	62	104	166	1	6	7	5		7	12			
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker.	S. S. since 1835.	11	27	38				2		1	3			
Wolfborough,	Nelson Barbour.	June 15, 1852.	22	42	64	3	1	4	1		1	2	3	1	4
North Wolfborough,	Stephen Merrill.	Stated Supply.	20	38	58	2		2	1			1	1		1
Tuftonborough,			7	16	23						1	1			
Farmington,	Daniel D. Tappan.	S. S. from Oct. 1852.	11	15	26		2	2						1	1
Milton,	James Dold.	Stated Supply.	23	52	75		2	2	1			1			
12 Churches.	8 Ministers.	* Former Report.			767			20				29			9

Without Charge—Samuel **Kingsbury, Tamworth.**

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adlts.	Inft.	Tot.
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	89	209	298	0	2	2	3		7	10		3	3
Brookline,	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	24	51	75		1	1						3	3
Hollis,	P. B. Day.	July 7, 1852.	65	119	184	7	1	8	4		1	5	2	5	7
Mason,	J. L. Armes.	Oct. 31, 1850.	49	57	106	3	5	8			2	2	1	1	2
Mason Village,	E. M. Kellogg,	May 20, 1852.	41	81	122	2		2	6		2	8	1	3	4
Merrimack South,	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated Supply.	12	38	45	4		4	1		1	2	1		1
Milford,	Ephraim N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			307	3	5	8	3		2	5	1	2	3
Nashua 1st,	Daniel March,	Jan. 3. 1849.	81	353	434	7	5	12	14		4	18	6	3	9
Nashua, Olive St.	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.	145	292	437	2	5	7	4		2	6	2	1	3
Nashua, Pearl St.	Ezra E. Adams.	Aug. 31, 1853.	56	144	200	6	15	21	10		2	12	3	8	11
New Ipswich, 1st,	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	86	175	261	1	3	4	1		4	5	8	1	2
New Ipswich, 2d,	Josiah Ballard,	Former report.			60										
Rindge,	Amos W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	91	164	255	3	2	5		1	3	4	1	7	8
Mont Vernon,	Charles D. Herbert,	Nov. 6, 1850.	51	117	168	1	2	3			2	2	1	2	3
Temple,	Walter Follett,	July 25, 1845.	31	63	94	7	1	8			3	3	4	1	5
Wilton,	Vacant.		29	55	84	5	2	7			1	1			1
16 Churches.	15 Ministers.				3130			100				88			65

Without Charge—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Leonard Jewett, J. E. B. Jewett, J. W. Shepard, William Clark, John M. Ellis, Noah Emerson.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adt.	Inf.	Tot.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.	8	13	21			1			1	1			
Boscawen East,	Ambrose Smith,	June 15, 1854.	60	87	147	3	2	5	3		4	7		8	8
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	62	100	162					1	2	3		7	7
Bristol,	Joseph Garland,	Stated Supply.	25	46	71			5				2		2	2
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	46	84	130	4	2	6	1		2	3	1	1	2
Concord, East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	36	60	96	4	2	6	1	1	2	4		3	3
First,	Nathaniel Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825.	70	190	260	4	6	10	3		8	6	2	3	6
South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.	85	164	249	9	9	18	5		2	7	3		3
West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	62	122	184				2		2	4		1	1
Fisherville,	Daniel Lancaster,	Stated Supply.			*73										
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	24	77	101									1	1
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	52	120	172	2	1	3	4	1	2	7	1	3	4
Hill,	Vacant,		*13	29	42										
Hopkinton,	M. B. Angier,	1853.			180	5		5	1		2	3	3	6	9
Northfield & San. Bridge,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	37	81	118	1	8	9	1		2	3	1	2	3
Pembroke,	Robert Crossett,	Former report.			*128										
Salisbury,	E. D. Eldridge,	June 12, 1849.	25	62	87	5		5	2			2	2	6	8
Warner,	H. O. Howland,	Jan. 4, 1854.	35	90	125	5	5	10	4		2	6	4	2	6
Wilmot,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated Supply.	16	22	38		2	2	1			1			
19 Churches.	18 Ministers.	* Former Report.			2384			85				59			63

Without Charge—Ebenezer Price, William Patrick, B. P. Stone, D. D., Henry Wood.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot	Adt.	Inf.	Total.
Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated Supply.	16	35	51				1		1	2			
Dalton,*	—— Blake,	Stated Supply.	9	20	29										
Lancaster,	Isaac Wiston,	Stated Supply.	10	50	60	1		1	4			4			
Stewartstown,	Vacant.		14	19	33	2		2					1		1
4 Churches.	3 Ministers.	* Former Report.			173			3				6			1

Without Charge—Josiah Morse, Northumberland.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Bedford, Pres.	Thomas Savage.	1826.	49	105	154		2	2	4		3	7		3	3
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	30	80	110	1		1	3		6	9			
Goffstown,	E. H. Richardson,	1854.	35	75	110										
Hooksett,	William A. Fobes,	Stated Supply.	9	27	36				1		1	2			
Hudson,	Daniel French,	Stated Supply.	20	50	70										
Litchfield, Pres.	Ebenezer Newhall,	Sept. 1854.	5	12	17						1	1			
Londonderry, Pres.	T. G. Brainerd,	Nov. 5, 1840.	68	125	193	3		3			2	2	2	3	5
Manchester, 1st,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	78	170	248										
2d,	Samuel C. Bartlett,	Nov. 3, 1852.	60	177	237	21	8	29	8		4	12	13	1	14
City Miss'n.	Thomas P. Sawin,	March 26, 1853.	5	30	35	7	1	8	4	2	1	7	4	1	5
Merrimack,	E. G. Little,	Sept. 4, 1850.	58	102	160	3		3	3	2	2	7	3	3	6
11 Churches.	11 Ministers.				1370			46				47			33

Without Charge—Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agt. Amer. Bible Soc., H. Brickett, Licentiate, Prin. Mer. Nor. Institute.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adt.	Inf.	Tot.
Alstead, 1st,	Samuel G. Tenney,	Stated Supply.	20	54	74				2		1	3			
Alstead, East,	Bezaleel Smith,	June 16, 1852.	48	74	122	3		3			3	3	1	3	4
Alstead, Paper M. Vill.	Benjamin Ober,	Stated Supply.	6	27	33										
Chesterfield,	Ebenezer Newhall,	Stated Supply.	14	39	53				1		4	5			
Dublin,	George S. Kemp,	Stated Supply.	12	24	36				8		3	11			
Fitzwilliam,	John Woods,	Stated Supply.	56	101	157	1	1	2	2		5	7		3	3
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	16	28	44				1			1			
Hinsdale,	William W. Patten,	Stated Supply.	34	49	83	3	5	8	4		2	6	2	1	3
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth, / Leonard Tenney,	Dec. 10, 1782. / March 19, 1845.	37	108	145	8	3	11	3		3	6	3	1	4
Jaffrey, East,	G. W. Adams,	Stated Supply.	19	33	52		4	4	10			10			
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	July 1, 1818.	67	208	275	4	3	7	2		5	7		4	4
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated Supply.	32	68	100	2		2			3	3	1	2	3
Nelson,	William P. Gale,	Stated Supply.	41	54	95				4			4			
Harrisville,	William G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	22	42	64		1	1		1	1	2		1	1
Roxbury,	Vacant,		9	20	29	1		1					1	4	5
Stoddard,	Isaac Robinron, D. D.	Jan. 5, 1803.	9	33	42	1	1	2	1		1	2	1		1
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1846.	39	71	110	24	2	26	1		2	3	12	6	18
Surry,	Vacant.		2	12	14										
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 15, 1836.	24	37	61	1	2	3					1	1	2
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	20	47	67	1		1			2	2	1	2	3
Walpole,		Supply.	23	75	98										
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated Supply.	42	113	155										
Westmoreland, South,	R. W. Fuller,	Stated Supply.	6	19	25	3		3			1	1	1	2	3
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 23, 1847.	64	126	190	4	2	6	7		4	11	1	3	4
24 Churches.	22 Ministers, *Without Charge*—Rev. Gad Newell, Nelson; Rev.				2124			80				87			58

D Edwin Jennison, East Alstead.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let,	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died	Tot.	Adt.	Inft.	Total.
Bath,	Thomas Boutelle,	March 10, 1853.	34	85	119		1	1	5		3	8		4	4
Canaan,	Moses Gerould,	Stated Supply.	12	21	33	1	7	8					1		1
Haverhill,	Edward H. Greely,	Nov. 9, 1849.	41	115	156				12		1	13		2	2
Haverhill, North,	Vacant.		5	11	16										
Hanover Centre,	A. H. Cutter,	Nov. 1850.			80	1	1	2	2	1	1	4	1		1
Lyme,	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 5, 1831.	133	225	358	2		2	2		7	9	2		1
Orford, East,	Jotham Sewall,	Feb. 16, 1853.	45	39	84	1		1			2	2			
Orford, West,	Vacant.		21	70	91				3			3		1	1
Piermont,	Increase S. Davis,	Stated Supply.	33	69	102	1		1			2	2			
Wentworth,	Increase S. Davis,	Jan. 20, 1832.	8	28	36				1		2	3	1		1
10 Churches.	7 Ministers.				1075			15				44			11

Without Charge—Nathan Lord, D. D., Roswell Shurtleff, D. D.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died. Tot	Adt.	Inft.	Tot.
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	Juue 11, 1845.	14	32	46									
Brentwood,	Charles Dame,	May 17, 1854.	20	42	62					2	2		1	1
Dover,	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1853.	85	284	369	4	5	9	6	8	14	2	4	6
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	9	49	58				1		1			
Epping,	Lyman White,	Jan. 4, 1854.	19	31	50					1	1			
Exeter, 1st,	William D. Hitchcock,	Oct. 5, 1853.	47	75	122				2	3	5			
Exeter, 2d,	Isaac Hurd, D. D.,	Sept. 11, 1817.	16	67	83	3		3	1		1			
	Asa Mann,	Nov. 19, 1851.												
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852.	14	37	51	7	3	10	2	1	3	1		1
Hampton,	Solomon P. Fay,	Sept. 6, 1849.	68	140	208									
Kingston,	Vacant.		17	44	61	1	1	2		1	1			
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated Supply.	8	24	32	5	2	7		1	1	1		1
Newington,	Vacant.													
New Market,	Elliott C. Cogswell,	Stated Supply.	13	25	38	5		5	2		2	2	1	3
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D. D.,	Nov. 18, 1801.	73	106	179	1		1		1	1		3	3
	John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1852.												
Portsmouth,	Henry D. Moore,	Aug. 17, 1854.	76	247	323	31	13	44						
Raymond,	David Burt,	Nov. 4, 1851.	53	85	138	2	4	6	3	1	4	2	2	4
Rochester,	James C. Seagrave,	May 25, 1854.	16	75	91		3	3	4	1	5			
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	31	69	100					4	4		1	1
Seabrook & Ham. Falls,	Sereno T. Abbott,	July 12, 1837.	21	47	68					2	2		1	1
Salmon Falls, Rollinsford	Edward E. Atwater,	Feb. 3, 1852.	25	66	91	4		4	8	1	9	4		4
Great Falls,	I. B. Thornton,	Stated Supply.			170	11	9	20	3		3			
South New Market,	Winthrop Fifield,	Stated Supply.	10	17	27								1	1
Stratham,	J. M. Steele	[illegible]			48	1	2	3	1	2	3		1	1

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches,	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex. Died.	Tot.	Adlts.	Inft.	Tot.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846.	86	117	203	2		2	7	2	9	2	10	12
Charlestown,	Worthington Wright,	March 16, 1852.	13	43	56	4	7	11		2	2	1	1	2
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	67	150	217	2	7	9	5	3	8	1	10	11
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	30	47	77				2		2			
Croydon,			*24	42	66									
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.	April 2, 1842.	96	153	249	24	5	29	7	2	9	12	1	13
Enfield,	Daniel Pulsifer,	Stated Supply.	8	9	17									
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated Supply.	20	32	52		1	1		2	2			
Langdon,	Selah R. Arms,	Stated Supply.	*15	27	42									
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	45	99	144	11	2	13	1	2	3	5		5
Lempster 1st,	Robert Page,	Stated Supply.	30	55	85	20	1	21		3	3	8	1	9
Lempster 2d,			*12	15	27									
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	39	65	104	3	5	8			5	2	2	4
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1852.	98	165	263	8	1	9	6	4	10	2	3	5
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated Supply.	6	27	33		1	1	1		1			
Unity,			*3	6	9									
Washington,	John F. Griswald,	Stated Supply.	8	32	40	2		2			3		1	1
West Lebanon,	Rufus Case,	June 26, 1851.	25	38	63	2	6	8	4	2	6		2	2
18 Churches.	15 Ministers.	* Former Report.			1747			114			63			64

Without Charge—Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., John N. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover; E. T. Rowe, Meriden; C. B. Haddock, D. D. Licentiate, C. S. Richards, Meriden.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		
			Mal.	Fem.	Tot.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Died.	Tot.	Adt.	Inf.	Tot.
Antrim, Pres.	J. H. Bates,	March 1853.	53	120	178	2	4	6	4	1	2	7	1	3	4
Bennington,	John M. Whiton.	Stated Supply.			50		2	2	2			2			
Deering,	James W. Perkins,	Stated Supply.	12	23	35						2	2		1	1
Francestown,	Lathrop Taylor,	Nov. 19, 1851.	97	209	306	6		6	6	4	9	19	2	3	5
Greenfield, Evan.	Jonathan McGee,	Stated Supply.	43	91	134	1		1	1			1		4	4
Greenfield, Cong.	John LeBosquet,	Stated Supply.	33	72	105	1		1	2			2		1	1
Hancock,	A. Bigelow,	May 15, 1850.	71	133	204	24		24	5		6	11	5	1	6
Hillsborough Centre,	Samuel H. Partridge,	May 10, 1853.	28	42	70						2	2			
Hillsborough Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	18	39	57	7		7	1	1	2	4	2	5	7
Lyndeborough,	E. B. Claggett.	Sept. 30, 1846.			125	3	1	4							
New Boston,	Vacant.				*165										
New Ipswich, 2d,	Josiah Ballard,	July 14, 1852.	23	48	71	1	2	3	1		3	4		1	1
Peterborough, Pres.	Vacant,		21	35	56		1	1	4		2	6			
Peterborough, Cong.	Vacant.		11	27	38								1	1	2
14 Churches.	11 Ministers				1599			55				60			31

* Former Report.

RECAPITULATION.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Communic's.	Addded.	Removed.	Baptisms.
Belknap,	16	10	1389	45	38	53
Caledonia,	3	2	178	11	2	3
Deerfield,	7	4	598	12	23	6
Derry,	11	10	1420	59	63	43
Harmony,	12	8	767	20	29	9
Hollis,	15	14	3070	100	83	65
Hopkinton,	19	18	2384	85	59	63
Lancaster,	4	3	173	3	6	1
Manchester,	11	11	1370	43	45	33
Monadnock,	24	22	2124	80	87	58
Orange,	10	7	1075	15	44	11
Piscataqua,	23	23	2415	117	62	27
Sullivan,	18	15	1747	114	63	64
Union,	14	11	1599	55	60	31
	187	158	20,309	759	664	467

New Ipswich 2d church is deducted from Hollis Association and inserted in Union.

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

AS FORMERLY REPORTED.

Belknap,	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia,	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes,
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Harmony,	
Hollis,	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Henry A. Kendall.
Lancaster,	
Manchester,	T. P. Sawin,
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny,
Piscataqua,	Lyman White.
Sullivan,	Edwin S. Wright.
Union,	Jonathan McGee.

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education.**	*Home Missions.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Belk.& Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,
Grafton & Coos,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March.	April, May.	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. March,	April, May	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.

* Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † Also, Am. and Foreign Christian Union.

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NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

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MINUTES

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AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING,

IN CONCORD,

AUGUST 28, 29 & 30, 1855.

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MINUTES.

The GENERAL ASSOCIATION of New Hampshire met at the Meeting House of the First Church in Concord, on Tuesday, August 28, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The meeting was opened by a Concio by Rev. Charles Shedd, of Campton, from 1 Sam. 17 : 33. After Sermon the preacher took the chair; credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and from Foreign Bodies were presented, and the following members were found to constitute the General Association.

Associations.	Delegates.
Belknap.	L. CONANT, E. CORSER, WM. R. JEWETT.
Deerfield,	S. M. BLANCHARD, O. HOLMES.
Derry,	JAMES HOLMES, LOREN ARMSBY.
Harmony,	STEPHEN MERRILL, H. WOOD.
Hollis,	E. N. HIDDEN, E. M. KELLOG, D. GOODWIN.
Hopkinton,	J. M. R. EATON, H. O. HOWLAND, N. HOWARD, H. A. KENDALL.
Lancaster,	J. B. HILL.
Manchester,	THOMAS SAVAGE, T. P. SAWIN.
Monadnock,	L. TOWNSEND, W. G. TUTTLE, T. S. NORTON.
Orange,	W. H. SMITH.
Piscataqua,	ASA MANN, JOHN DINSMOOR, CHA'S DAME, B. F. PARSONS, J. H. MELLISH.
Sullivan,	ROBERT PAGE, E. S. WRIGHT, A. SPAULDING, D. J. NOYES, D. D.
Union,	E. B. CLAGGETT, J. M. WHITON, D. D.
Ex Officio,	J. K. YOUNG, Secretary. A. P. TENNEY, Treasurer. N. BOUTON, D. D., Concord.

Gen. Convention Vt., EBENEZER SMITH, MOSES KIMBALL.
Gen. Association Mass., ROBERT CARVER.
Gen. Association Conn., S. H. ALLEN.
Gen. Assembly Pres. Ch., O. S., NICHOLAS MURRAY, D. D.
Gen. Assembly Pres. Ch., N. S., GEORGE F. WISWELL.
Gen. Consociation R. I., JOEL MANN.
N. H. Baptist Convention, E. E. CUMMINGS, D. D.
N. H. Methodist Conference, ELISHA ADAMS.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. THOMAS SAVAGE, Moderator; Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Scribe.

The Rules of the body were read by the Secretary and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Adjourned till two o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Messrs. Bouton, Noyes and Hidden were appointed a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Eaton, Holmes and Kimball were appointed a Committee to take minutes of the Narrative of the state of Religion.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Whiton, the Narratives of the state of Religion within the bounds of the District Associations were presented.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Daniel Fisk of Massachusetts, and remarks were made by Rev. William Clarke.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. K. Young.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was accepted, adopted and ordered to be printed.

Rev. A. Blanchard, Delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts, and Rev. Jacob Cummings, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., reported their attendance on those bodies and their kind reception. The reports were accepted.

Letters were received from Rev. E. Adams, Delegate from the General Association of Iowa, and Rev. S. P. Fay, from the Ohio Conference, both of whom were prevented from attendance through providential circumstances.

A request from the American Congregational Union was presented by Rev. S. C. Bartlett. The following motion was then made by Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D.: Resolved, That we approve the plans and objects of the American Congregational Union, and heartily commend them to the sympathy and contributions of the churches of New Hampshire.

Rev. Messrs. Tenney, Wright and Holmes were appointed a Committee to fix on a place of meeting the coming year.

Rev. Messrs. E. M. Kellogg, A. Spaulding and A. Tobey a Committee for distributing documents.

Rev. J. H. Merrill was nominated preacher at the Communion for the next year and Rev. Henry E. Parker his substitute.

The following resolution adopted by the Rockingham Conference of Churches, June 13, 1855, was presented:

Resolved, That this Conference would rejoice to have just such a change made in the Constitution of the General Association of New Hampshire, as to secure in it a Lay representation, whereby the fraternity of the churches in the State would be better represented and promoted.

The consideration of this resolution was indefinitely postponed

uspended business to hear the reports of the Delegates from
ign Bodies.
he N. H. Education Society was addressed by the Secretary
ichards, D. D. and by Rev. Mr. Tarbox, Secretary of the
erican Education Society.
he anniversary Sabbath School exercises were opened with
er by Rev. Mr. Fifield. Rev. J. H. Merrill, the Secretary,
ented the annual report. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr.
horp, from the Mass. S. S. Society, Rev. D. D. Tappan, of
nington, and Rev. Mr. Wallace of Manchester.

Adjourned to half past one o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

ev. Mr. Savage, through illness, was compelled to resign the
e of Moderator, and Rev. J. M. Whiton, D. D., was chosen
lerator pro tem.
ev. Dr. Bouton was appointed Auditor of the Treasurer's re-
the ensuing year.
he Committee appointed to fix the place of meeting for next
, reported Exeter as the place, and that the Caledonia Asso-
on appoint the preacher. The report was accepted and
pted.
ev. A. Smith one of the Committee to prepare the Pastoral
er, presented a draft of the same, which was committed to the
ishing Committee with power to abbreviate, if they judge best.
lad a recess to attend the anniversary of the N. H. Bible
iety. The Secretary of the Society presented his Report,
h was accepted and referred to the Board of Directors. Ad-
ses were made by Rev. S. C. Bartlett, of Manchester, Rev.
Butler, agent of the American Bible Society in Massachu-
s, and Rev. Dr. Murray, delegate from the Am. Bible Soci-
The Society adjourned.
he Association resumed business. Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D.
iew of the report sent by the Delegate from the General As-
ation of Iowa, presented resolutions, which were committed
Committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. Messrs. J. K.
ng and E. S. Wright.
he following resolution was passed, *Resolved*, That we have
ial occasion for gratitude and praise to God on account of the
thy, fruitful and pleasant state of the present season.
he Delegates from the New School General Assembly, the
eral Association of Connecticut and the General Association
lassachusetts presented their reports on the state of religion
in their bounds.
he report of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented
adopted.

The following were appointed Delegates to Foreign Bodies:

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. Horace Wood, Primary, and Rev. Amos Blanchard, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Erdix Tenny, Primary, and Rev. E. S. Wright, Substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Otis Holmes, Primary, Rev. Asa Mann. Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. I. T. Otis, Primary, Rev. Wm. G. Tuttle, Substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. L. Armsby, Primary, Rev. M. B. Angier, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. A. P. Tenney, Primary, Rev. E. N. Hidden, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. Thomas Boutelle, Primary, Rev. P. B. Day, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan, Rev. Charles A. Downs, Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Substitute.

To the General Association of Illinois, Rev. E. E. Adams, Primary, Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Substitute.

To the General Association of Iowa, Rev. R. M. Sargent, Primary, Rev. Jairus Ordway, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., Rev. W. R. Jewett, Primary, Rev. John M. Whiton, D. D. Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., Rev. J. W. Wellman, Primary, Rev. Loren Thayer, Substitute.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Primary, Rev. J. Page, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, Rev. J. B. Hill, Primary, Rev. Charles Shedd, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Methodist Conference, Rev. W. Fifield, Primary, Rev. R. Kimball, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, Rev. J. H. Merrill, Primary, Rev. A. Smith, Substitute.

To the Congregational Conference of Ohio, Rev. S. C. Bartlett, Primary, Rev. Charles Tenney, Substitute.

After prayer by Rev. E. N. Hidden, adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30, 1855.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Robert Page. Rev. Dr. Whiton resigned the office of Moderator, in consequence of ill health; and Rev. Otis Holmes was chosen Moderator pro tem.

The Minutes were read and accepted.

Rev. Dr. Stone, from the Committee appointed on the commu-

nication from the Congregational Association of Iowa, presented the following resolutions, which, after discussion, were adopted:

Whereas our attention has been called to the plan of church extension adopted by the New School Presbyterian General Assembly at St. Louis, therefore, Resolved,

1. That we cherish the utmost confidence in the fraternal and christian feelings of the great body of the New School Presbyterians towards their Congregational brethren in New England—

2. That we look with much satisfaction upon the long harmony that has existed between Congregationalists and Presbyterians in the work of evangelizing the West under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society, and that the continued co-operation of these two great bodies of Christ's church in the same work, is much to be desired—

3. That the catholic and undenominational Constitution and operations of the American Home Missionary Society meet with our most cordial approval; – that we regard that Society as fully competent to prosecute the work of missionary exploration — of preaching the gospel and of gathering christian churches throughout all the destitute population of the West—

4. That the recent act of the New School General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which provides for the employment of exploring and itinerating Presbyterian Missionaries and the planting of Presbyterian churches "in advance of all others in towns and villages," is, we fear, inconsistent with the harmonious co-operation with Congregationalists in the Home Missionary work, and that we regard it as having a tendency, if carried into effect, to interrupt the union that has hitherto existed between them in that work—

5. That before the aforesaid plan of church extension is put in operation, we earnestly recommend that some suitable measures be officially taken, by wise and good men of both parties, to come to some mutual and amicable understanding of the whole subject.

The following brethren were appointed to give certificates of regular standing to Ministers and Candidates travelling beyond the bounds of the State. Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., Jonathan French, D. D., A. W. Burnham, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, J. Woods, N. Lord, D. D., A. Bodwell, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey.

Rev. Messrs. Wm. R. Jewett, E. S. Wright, C. A. Downs, and D. Kimball were appointed a Committee of Publication.

The following brethren were appointed Committees on the several subjects named—Rev. E. E. Adams on the Seamen's cause. Rev. E. H. Greeley on the Foreign and Christian Union. Rev. J. H. Merrill on Sabbath Schools. Rev. J. Sewall on Foreign Missions. Rev. Wm. T. Herrick on the Tract Cause.

Rev. Dr. Whiton presented the following resolution, which was discussed and adopted.

Resolved, That duty to God and our fellow men, impels us to the utterance of our deep conviction that it is incumbent on christians and good citizens, to resist, by all lawful means, the spirit of slavery propagandism in its recent developments, which corrupts the public conscience, disregards solemn compacts, exalts in theory popular sovereignty above the law of Heaven, and in practice strikes it to the dust by the intervention of armed mobs; impairs our moral influence over the nations, and threatens encroachments upon the liberties of the free States.

Voted, to publish 600 copies of the Minutes of the Association.

Voted, That a tax of 50 cents be assessed on each member of the District Associations, to defray the expenses of the year ensuing.

Suspended business to allow the Bible Society time to complete their business.

Association resumed business. Rev. Dr. Vail presented a report from the New Hampshire Methodist Conference in the place of Rev. Mr. Adams called away.

Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D., presented a report from the New Hampshire Baptist Convention.

Rev. Mr. Whitcher presented a report from the N. H. Free-will Baptist Yearly Meeting, in the absence of their Delegate.

The Committee on the Narrative of the state of religion, presented their report; which was accepted and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

At 10 o'clock, the Association gave place for the anniversary of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

The Secretary of the Society presented his Report. Addresses were made by Rev. C. W. Wallace and Rev. Dr. Murray.

Association resumed business. Rev. Mr. Young and Rev. Mr. Mann of Rhode Island, were appointed to officiate at the communion.

Voted, That the cordial thanks of the Association be presented to the people of Concord for their affectionate hospitality;—and to the choir of singers for their very acceptable services.

Voted, to adjourn after the public exercises.

Rev. A. P. Tenney preached the communion Sermon, from Luke 24: 34; and the Sacrament was administered by Rev. Messrs. J. K. Young and Joel Mann.

Adjourned, *sine die*.

OTIS HOLMES, MODERATOR, PRO TEM.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, SCRIBE.

NARRATIVE.

Once more our kind Heavenly Father, in his providence, has permitted us to look upon a portion of his earthly heritage. We have rejoiced, and we have wept. We have taken impressions of the more prominent features of the field, and our purpose now is to exhibit them.

We bless God that we are able to speak of revivals of religion. These have occurred in Atkinson, Chester, Colebrook and vicinity, Orford, Meriden, and West Concord. The number of hopeful conversions in these revivals, is thought to be not far from 225. There is one thing of peculiar interest in connexion with these special visits of divine grace, of which we cannot forbear to speak. Four of our Academies, to a greater or less extent, have been sharers in the blessing. In Meriden Academy, more than a hundred of the beloved youth were constrained to propound the great inquiry, "What must I do to be saved?" At the close of the Spring term, nearly all the students were subjects of serious impressions, and fifty or more were cherishing the christian's hope. It is thought that many of those converted to Christ in these Academies will obey the command, "Preach the gospel."

Besides these more general revivals, we would gratefully record others of less extent, as having been experienced at Sanbornton Bridge, Concord South Church, Henniker, Rindge, Farmington, Milton and Tamworth. In these places there have been hopeful conversions, from eight or ten up to twenty or more. Upon many other congregations the influences of the Spirit have distilled, like the dew, the happy results of which have been the quickening of the graces of the people of God, and the occasional conversion of sinners.

Most of the churches speak of outward prosperity; some, of the increase of numbers in the house of God; many, of a heart-felt interest in christian beneficence; generally, of interest in studying God's word in the Sabbath School; some, of meeting-houses built and repaired; numbers, of a more liberal support of those who minister to them in spiritual things. From all parts of the State are heard grateful acknowledgements of the goodness of God, and the wisdom of legislators, in removing from us, to so great an extent, the baneful traffic in intoxicating drinks. A healthful state of feeling pervades all our churches in relation to the great question of human freedom. We notice, with peculiar pleasure, the organization, a little more than a year ago, of the "Manchester Young Men's Christian Association." It is accomplishing much good in the kindly and christian influences it throws around our young men, by extending to them the fraternal hand when they enter the city, and directing their steps in the way to Zion's gate. For all these things, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Many of our churches, and some District Associations, report a decrease of numbers at the Lord's table. Death and the spirit of emigration are both doing their work. Thus our individual churches may be weakened, because the great Master is transferring some of our loved ones to other portions of his earthly vineyard, and transplanting others into those

"everlasting gardens,
Where angels walk and seraphs are the wardens."

Death has invaded the ministry of our State. Rev. David Sutherland of Bath, Rev. Alexander Lovell of Nashua, Rev. John M. Ellis of Nashua, Rev. Sereno T. Abbott of Seabrook, and Rev. William D. Hitchcock of Exeter, are no more. In the first two, decrepid age; in the third and fourth, the strength of manhood; and in the last, a bud of unusual promise have alike passed away. But shall we mourn? Our heavenly Father hath done it.

A few of our churches present the unhappy spectacle of brethren at variance among themselves. Of this we speak, not to direct towards them the eye of the community, but to impress upon them the solemn truth, that they have already become a spectacle to God, to angels and to men; and that if possible, they may learn the first great lesson of the gospel, which is LOVE.

The reports of Delegates from Foreign Bodies, are, generally, more than usually favorable. We hear of revivals in Colleges and in churches. In some parts of the land God has bestowed richer showers of grace than for many years.

These blessings, whether at home or abroad, witness to the efficacy of prayer; not only of individual prayer, but especially of the united prayers of the people of God; for many of them have been experienced in close connection with occasions of public fasting and prayer. Where reviving influences have been withheld, and spiritual death is the consequence, it has been, not only because God is a sovereign, but because he has exercised his sovereignty for his own glory; seeing in his people neither a desire for the blessing nor a heart to appreciate it, which would secure either his glory or their highest good in the bestowment of it. In the withholding of the blessing, then, we will rejoice in God while we mourn over our own sinfulness.

For the Committee, J. M. R. EATON.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of New Hampshire sends Christian Salutations to the Churches in their connection.

DEAR BRETHREN,

Feeling a deep interest in your spiritual welfare, and knowing our dependance on a steadfast church for life and strength, we beseech you to hold fast the profession of your faith without wavering.

The profession which you have made in the presence of God, angels and men, is worthy of being held fast. It embraces Doctrines the most precious and sublime — the Being and the Perfections of the triune God; – the Redemption of this fallen world through the Mediation of Christ; and the sure prospect of immortal life and righteous retribution beyond the grave. It enjoins Duties the most sacred and important — the renunciation of every sinful habit and passion, and the fulfilment of every moral, social and religious obligation. It contemplates privileges and blessings the most exalted and glorious — as children of

od and heirs of his kingdom, chosen in Christ before the foundation the world, and renewed in his likeness by the Holy Ghost. And, oved by love and gratitude to show forth the praises of him who hath lled you out of darkness into his marvellous light, you have, by a ıblic profession of your faith, consecrated yourselves wholly and for-er to his service — your time, talents, and wealth to be henceforth nployed for the advancement of his kingdom and glory.

This profession, made in the most solemn manner, sanctioned by the ost sacred obligations, and connected with immortal honors and bless-gs, there is danger — alas! how great the danger! — of failing to ld fast. The heart is prone to leave the fervor of its early love, nid the distracting cares, and chilling influences of the world. The jects of time and sense obscure the perception of spiritual and heav-ly things and imperceptibly engrosses the thoughts and affections. ıe excitements of social and political life divert the mind from Christ d heaven — too often absorb feeling and energy in some vortex of pular agitation. Errors in doctrine or practice may steal upon you ıperceived, to undermine the foundations of your faith, or relax your adfastness in duty. The removal of your brethren by emigration or ath, may discourage your hearts, and cause you to give up your pro-ssion, as to any practical and aggressive efforts to advance the cause Christ. Above all, the absence of the special influences of the Ho-Spirit may render it exceedingly difficult to avoid falling into a eerless and backslidden state.

To hold fast your profession, under such circumstances, demands rnest and persevering effort — constant watchfulness and prayer. To is end, we beseech you, brethren, to keep your hearts with all dili-nce, out of which are the issues of life. Guard with jealous care, ainst the seductive influences of this present evil world. Suffer not ur thoughts and affections to fasten upon its honors, pleasures, or ssessions, remembering, "if any man love the world, the love of the ther is not in him." Let not a sectarian or party spirit take pos-ssion of your soul, to interrupt your communion with Christ, and th all who love him in sincerity. Amidst the emulations and strifes church and state, hold fast your profession, as a *christian*, a disciple the meek and lowly Jesus. To belong to his kingdom and bear his me, is a privilege and honor unequalled on earth. States and em-res rise and fall in quick succession. But the church stands, and will nd, when they have all passed away. To have a worthy place in its mmunion, is to be accounted a nobler distinction than to hold the ghest rank in any human organization, or to wear the brightest dia-m of earthly power and fame.

But while you guard against the temptations and excitements of the rld, be equally guarded against the spirit of indifference so prevalent the church. "Wo to them that are at ease in Zion." While you e ready to receive every doctrine of the Bible and every disciple of rist, in the liberality of your faith, and the fulness of your love, be-re of lowering the gospel standard of truth and duty, to suit the ews and habits of worldly men.

Above all, maintain your profession by a life of consistent and active piety. Keep alive the spirit of devotion, by daily communion with God in your closets. Suffer not the fire to go out on the domestic altar, or Christ to be a stranger in the family circle. Bear cheerfully your part of the labors and burdens of the church — cherish a personal interest in its welfare by actively sharing its trials and responsibilities. Yield not to the prevalent and baneful habit of neglecting the ordinances of religion. Let no selfish or wordly interest keep you from the place of conference and prayer. In all your secular engagements, make worldly business subordinate to christian duty. How can he be a cross-bearing disciple of Christ, who suffers gain or pleasure to interfere with the fulfilment of his covenant obligations. Such a course is not holding fast that profession, in which you solemnly promised to seek in all things the interests of Christ's kingdom, and to walk in all the ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Are you tempted, dear brethren, to forsake the prayer-meeting, because so thinly attended; or to relax your efforts to sustain public worship, because so few in number? We know your trials — we sympathize deeply with the members of our feeble churches. With a scattered and decreasing population, and called frequently to part with their brethren, it requires no small degree of faith and perseverance to hold on, and sustain the institutions of religion. It often demands greater self-denial and christian fortitude to stand by the old church, and strengthen the things that remain, than to move on with the tide of emigration to found new churches at the West, or even to cross the ocean to plant the standard of the cross on heathen shores. But, though left to struggle alone, and scarcely able to maintain your position, trust in the Captain of your salvation, and stand fast where he has placed you. Go not, without his orders, to seek more exciting and encouraging fields for action. Move not away to enjoy the privileges of a stronger church. Yea, rather, let those who can be spared in larger and wealthier societies, hasten to the weak points along the line of battle, and help stay up the wavering standard against the foe. The early christians, it is said, in some cases, became servants and entered heathen families, the better to promote the cause of Christ. You have made the same profession of entire consecration to his service — you look forward to the same rewards in his heavenly kingdom. Oh! let not the walls of Zion be broken down — let not her strong-holds be forsaken. Let not the hosts of hell exult over a fallen church — a deserted sanctuary. Let not our brethren, as they return occasionally from their conquests in new territories, find the posts in their rear surrendered to the enemy. We must maintain the ground already won. Nor is this enough.

To hold fast our profession, we must advance in the divine life — make aggressions upon the kingdom of satan. Putting on the whole armor of God, we must go forth into the open field, and push on the conflict with error and sin. As servants of the great Redeemer, share personally in every self-denying and benevolent enterprise – take an active part in every suitable effort for the moral, social, and political redemption of the world. Obey the voice of God, by choosing for

rulers "able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness." Like Him who preached deliverance to the captives and the opening of prisons to them that are bound, use your influence to "undo the heavy burdens, break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free." Move onward in the cause of temperance, bearing up fearlessly the banner, on which God and the State have inscribed "Wo unto him that giveth his neighbor drink;" but neglect not to put forth those moral influences and personal efforts, which alone have power to reform and save the inebriate. In every enterprize act on christian principles, and in a christian spirit. In every walk of life, in public and private, at home and abroad, hold fast your profession. There is no time or place, for you to lay aside your character as a christian, in covenant with God and his people.

Above all, my brethren, labor for the salvation of souls, and the edification of the church. Become missionaries amid the moral wastes at home — emulate the zeal of converts in heathen lands — go to your unconverted neighbors, and tell them of the blessed Savior. Gather *all* the children into Sabbath Schools. Persuade *all* the people to come to the house of God on *his* holy day, urging as the reason, not the eloquence of your minister or the attractions of your church, but the duty of *every man to worship his Creator and Redeemer*.

Are you disposed to complain that your pastor is no more of a missionary himself? Enter more deeply into his labors and trials — meet him punctually at the preparatory lecture, and in the conference room — seek out cases of interest and lay them before him — show yourselves ready to coöperate with him in personal and direct efforts to save souls, and build up the church, and see if he is not ready to cooperate in every good work. Remember, a whole church is stronger than a single pastor. Laboring thus, you may look with confidence for a blessing. But if it tarry,

> "Still wrestle at the throne of grace,
> And wait for a reviving hour."

Thus, hold fast your profession even unto the end. In faith and hope toil on, until released from your labors by your Divine Master, and called home to rest in his heavenly kingdom. Your labors and sufferings may pass unnoticed on earth, but they are all recorded in heaven. Christ is ever present to sympathize in your trials and discouragements, and will ere long crown your humble efforts to promote his cause, with honor and glory. Though now left to struggle in adversity, and with all your exertions scarcely able to hold your ground, by and by the victory will be won. Then will those who tarried by the stuff in the lower vale, share as largely in the honors and spoils of triumph, as those who went forth to battle on the high places of the earth.

Finally, brethren, hold fast your profession, by unwavering faith in God. Rely on his strength — rest on his promises. "He is faithful that promised." His word will be fulfilled. Thrown back, it may be, for a time, ourselves, on some eddying current of society, the mighty stream of redeeming influences is still sweeping onward, to overspread

the world. "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge and glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." The residue of the Spirit will be given — the people shall be willing in the day of his power. Great voices in heaven shall proclaim, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever." Then will each faithful servant appear with him in glory — be crowned "with songs and everlasting joy. Therefore, beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor shall not be in vain in the Lord."

For the Committee,

AMBROSE SMITH.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees, June 7, 1855, Dea. James Moulton, Jr. was chosen chairman. The President being absent the meeting was adjourned to June 21, at which meeting Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. was present and presided. The Treasurer's account was presented and accepted. Rev. Messrs. H. E. Parker and N. Bouton and Francis N. Fisk were appointed a Committee to meet and confer with the Committee appointed by the General Association respecting an increase of the Widows' Charitable Fund.

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. was elected President; Samuel Morril, Secretary, and Francis N. Fisk, Treasurer; Samuel Morril and James Moulton, Jr. Auditors. The President, Secretary and Treasurer, Executive Committee.

Rev. S. C. Bartlett, of Manchester, was elected a Trustee in place of Rev. Mr. Ward, who is unable to attend in consequence of age and infirmity.

The Executive Committee made the following appropriations: to Mrs. Moses Dow of Plaistow, $25; Mrs. Mary Pilsbury of Boscawen, $25; Mrs. Betsey Hall of East Lebanon, $25; Mrs. Abby Lawton of Hillsborough $25; Mrs. J. W. Stearns of Brentwood, $25---$125.

SAMUEL MORRIL, Sec'y.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed for benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors minis. support.	No. of congregation.	Population of town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Alton,	Franklin Davis,	Stated supply.	4	8	12	1	1	2			1	1							75	1795
Barnstead,	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	93	135	228															1848
Bridgewater,	Vacant.																			667
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	16	30	46		2	2								60 36	350	14	100	543
Campton,	Charles Shedd,	March 24, 1842.	24	56	80	1		1	1		3	4		3	3					1439
Gilmanton Centre,	R. M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852.	55	83	138	5	2	7	8			8		4	4	91	500	74	140	3282
Gilmanton East,	Vacant.		14	24	38															
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Rufus Childs,	Nov. 6, 1844.	42	71	113						4	4					350			
Groton,	Liba Conant,	Stated supply.	13	17	30				1		2	3					162 50	30	90	800
Hebron,			6	22	28				1		2	3				25	137 50	25	175	600
Loudon 1st church,																				1552
Meredith Bridge,	John K. Young,	Nov. 30, 1831.	49	130	179	1	1	2	1	1	5	7	1	1	2	250	600	84	200	3521
Meredith Village,	J. E. Farwell,	Stated supply.	16	40	56	1		1			1	1	1		1					
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett,	June 25, 1845.	41	107	148		1	1	8		1	9		2	2	450	550	75	200	1290
Sanbornton,	James Boutwell,	June 4, 1852.	47	90	137	1	3	4	8		2	10	1		1	110	500	64	140	2800
Thornton,	Vacant.		7	10	17															1011
Bristol,	J. Garland,	Stated supply.	27	49	76	6	3	9	2			2	4	1	5	133 08	400	30	120	1100
Danbury,	Daniel Goodhue,	March 2, 1855.	23	24	47												400		100	1000
18	13		477	896	1373	16	13	29	30	1	21	52	7	11	18					

Licentiate—C. C. Durgin.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Male.	Female.	Total.	Addition. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removals. Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Baptisms Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors minis support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
Bethlehem,	Thomas Hall,	Stated supply.	13	21	34	4	1	5					1	1	2	16	225	21	100	950
Franconia,	Thomas Hall,	Stated supply.	4	10	14						1	1					175		125	884
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	32	96	128						1	1				125	600	100	180	2100
3	2		49	127	176	4	1	5			2	2	1	1	2	141	1000	121	405	1744

DEERFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Chichester,	S. M. Blanchard,	Stated supply.	29	47	*76	3	2	5	4		6	10	1		1	70	400	73	77	1000
Deerfield,	U. W. Condit,	July 10, 1855.	40	65	105	7	2	9	3			3		1	1		600			2022
Epsom,	E. H. Blanchard,	Stated supply.	34	66	100	1	3	4	4		3	7	1		1	82	50 500‡	74		1366
London, 1st church,	Jairus Ordway,	Stated supply.	27	59	86		1	1						1	1	33	35 350	44	2	1552
London, 2d church,	Charles Willey,	Stated supply.	13	31	44		1	1			1	1				67	50 400‡	39	5	
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Jan. 1, 1850.	32	54	86	6	1	7	2		5	7	5		5	48	62 400	65		1812
Nottingham,	Vacant.		2	2	4															1268
Pittsfield,	J. Augustine Hood,	Dec. 17, 1854.	58	109	†167	13	8	21	2		6	8	9	12	21	195	13 650 &	Parsonage		1825
8	7		235	433	668	30	18	48	15		21	36	16	14	30	497	10 3300			10,345

* Not including 34 non-residents. † Including 31 non-residents. ‡ $100 of this sum received of Home Missionary Society.

[illegible] charge—Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield; Josiah Prentice, Northwood; Rufus A. Putnam, Epsom.

																Population.
Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Acting Pastor.	34	67	101	14	8	22	4	3	7	8	2	10	600
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	17	35	52		2	2							810
Candia,	William T. Herrick,	July 5, 1854.	92	158	250	2		2	4	5	9		4	4	1482
Chester,	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846.	70	125	195	6	1	7	3	2	5	2	4	6	1301
Derry, 1st church,	Joshua W. Welman,	June 18, 1851.	85	167	252	1	3	4	4	2	6	1	1	2	1850
Derry, 1st Cong. ch.	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 1, 1851.	34	96	130				1	5	6				
Hampstead,	John M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 12, 1836.	25	60	85										789
Pelham,	Vacant.				89										1071
Plaistow,	Charles Tenney,	Acting Pastor.	28	62	90	14	6	20	1	3	4	12	11	23	748
Salem,	William Page,	Dec. 1, 1853.	14	44	58	1	3	4	5	3	8		2	2	1555
Windham,	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	48	86	134	2	6	8	1	7	8	1	2	3	818
11	10		447	900	1436	40	29	69	23	90	53	24	26	50	11,024

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors towards minist. sup.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Conway,	Vacant.		22	48	70				1		1	2								1900
Effingham,	Vacant.		7	18	25															1251
Farmington,	Daniel D. Tappan, S.S.	Oct. 1852.	13	24	37	10	1	11					9	4	13	120	500	59	125	2000
Moultonborough,	W. P. Apthorp, S. S.	Jan. 1855.	29	44	73		4	4			2	2					500	28	80	1700
Ossipee,	Horace Wood, S. S.	1848.	29	40	69				1		1	2				128	350	26	90	2123
Sandwich Corner,	Vacant.		17	34	51				2		1	3		1	1					} 2577
Sandwich North,	Vacant.		7	11	18						1	1								
Tamworth,	John H. Merrill,	Aug. 17, 1853.	63	114	177	9	5	14	1		3	4	7	2	9	131	450	63	150	1766
Tuftonborough,	Vacant.		7	14	21						2	2				8				1305
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker, S. S.	1835.	9	26	35	1	1	2	3		1	4				54			100	1500
Wolfborough,	Nelson Barbour, S. S.	Nov. 1854.	16	42	58		3	3											150	} 2038
North Wolfborough,	Stephen Merrill, S. S.	1851.	19	37	56				2		1	3	1	2	3	50	325	12	50	
Milton,	James Doldt, S. S.	184?	26	54	80		2	2									300		175	1620
13	8		264	506	770	20	16	36	10		13	23	17	9	26	491	2425		920	19,780

Without charge—Rev. J. Dodge of Moultonborough, and Rev. Mr. Kingsbury of Tamworth.

Mason village,	E. M. Kellogg,	May 20, 1852.	39	75	114				8			8				180	600	70	120		1626
South Merrimack,	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated supply.	12	32	44	6	2	8	8		1	9	3	1	4	22	332	58	70		1250
Milford,	Ephraim N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			306	2	5	7	4		4	8	2	8	5	668	800		450		2500
Nashua, Olive St.	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.	116	234	350	2	3	5	10		5	15	2		2		1000		385		
Nashua, 1st ch.	George B Jewett,	May 24, 1855.	73	340	413		3	3	7			7				644	1500				12000
Nashua, Pearl St.	Ezra E. Adams,	Aug 31, 1853.	51	131	182	1	7	8	21		4	25	1	3	4	1000	1300	200	500		
New Ipswich, 1st ch.	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	84	172	256				8		2	5		7	7		700		250		1877
New Ipswich, 2d ch.	Vacant.				60																
Mont Vernon,	Charles D Herbert,	Nov. 6, 1850.	51	117	163	2	1	3		2	7	9				400	450		275		799
Rindge,	Amos W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	92	165	257	8	6	14	6	1	7	14	1	10	11	300	500	90	850		1274
Temple,	George Goodyear,	April 25, 1855.	31	63	94																579
Wilton,	Vacant.		29	55	84	by last year's report															1161
16	13		799	1879	2979	26	36	62	77	3	39	119	10	24	34	4786	9032				28,362

Without Pastoral Charge—H. Moore, D. D., Leonard Jewett, J. E. B. Jewett, J. W. Shepard, Wm. Clark, Noah Emerson, Daniel Goodwin, Walter Follett.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Male.	Female.	Total.	Additions Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removals. Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Baptisms Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors min. support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
Andover,	Nathan Howard,	May 24, 1843.	8	15	23	2		2					2		2	22 50	81	36	75	1220
Boscawen, East,	Ambrose Smith,	June 15, 1853.	58	87	145				1		1	2		6	6	400	600	78	200	2063
Boscawen, West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	58	101	159		1	1	2		2	4		1	1	173	450	73	150	
Bradford,	Carey Russell,	Stated supp'y.	15	33	48				2		1	3				21 89	335	34	100	1400
Bristol,	Joseph Garland,	Stated supply.	25	46	71	Former report.														1103
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	44	81	125		1	1			6	6		1	1					1614
Concord, East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	35	69	104	3		3		2	1	3	2		2	134 81	400		120	
Concord, First,	Nathaniel Bouton, D.D.	March 23, 1825.	67	185	252	5		5	7		6	13	3	2	5	460	900	123	350	
Concord, South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.	87	180	267	19	10	29	8		3	11	7	6	13	800	1000	130	400	10500
Concord, West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	67	133	200	21	2	23	5		2	7	8	3	11	123 42	450	67	250	
Fisherville,		Stated supply.	23	50	73	Former report.														
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	25	80	105		6	6	2			2		1	1	176 65	650			1251
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	51	119	170	4	1	5	1	1	5	7	2	1	3	433 83	500	76	170	1600
Hill,	Vacant.		13	29	42	Former report.														954
Hopkinton,	M. B. Angier,	June, 1853.	55	125	180				1		1	2		4	4	450	600		350	2500
Northfield & Sanbornton Br.,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	38	88	126	10	1	11	3			3	8	1	9	130	475	89	270	*2200
Pembroke,	Robert Crossett,	March 16, 1854.	32	92	124	6	4	10	2		1	3	3	3	6	154	500	90	150	1733
Salisbury,	B. F. Foster,	Stated supply.	25	63	88	3		3					1	11	12		450		125	1228
Warner,	H. O. Howland,	Jan. 4, 1854.	36	89	125		4	4	1		3	4		1	1		500			2038
Wilmot,	Reuben Kimball,	Stated supply.	12	18	30	3		3	1		2	3		1	1	17 12	200	23	65	1272
20	19	* Population of parish.	774	1683	2457	76	30	106	36	3	34	73	36	42	78	3497.22	7500	849	2775	32,726

Without charge—Ebenezer Price, William Patrick, B. P. Stone, D. D.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Colebrook,	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	18	39	57	5	4	9		1	1	2	1	1	2	24	220	60	100	908
Dalton,	Vacant.		9	20	29															751
Lancaster,	E. B. Chamberlain,	Stated supply.	12	67	79	10	2	12	3		2	5	4		4	50	550			1559
Stewartstown,	Vacant.		12	20	32				1			1				9	50	28	90	747
4	2		51	146	197	15	6	21	4	1	3	8	5	1	6	83	820	88	190	3965

Without charge—Josiah Morse, Northumberland.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Bedford,	Thomas Savage,	July 5, 1826.	56	94	150	5	2	7	3		5	8	1	6	7	500	600	100	400	1300
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	30	85	115						7	7		2	2	255	470	61	160	915
Goffstown,	E. H. Richardson,	May, 1854.	37	70	107	3	3	6	5		4	9				260	700		200	2270
Hooksett,	Vacant.		9	27	36												256*			1503
Hudson,	D. L. French, S. S.	Nov. 1852.	24	45	69		2	2			1	1					275†		125	1312
Litchfield, Pres.	Ebenezer Newhall,	Sept. 27, 1854.	5	15	20		4	4			1	1				25	225‡		75	447
Londonderry, Pres.	Vacant.		54	119	173				4		2	6		3	3	224	600	74	150	1731
Manchester, 1st,	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	87	186	273	17	15	32	12	1	4	17	7		7	808	1600			}
do Franklin Street,	Samuel C. Bartlett,	Nov. 3, 1853.	64	182	246	9	13	22	10		5	15	7	4	11	800	1200			} 17000
do City Mission,	T. P. Sawin, S. S.	March 26, 1853.	5	35	40	2	3	5		1	1	2		4	4		550‖	not	kno.	
Merrimack,	Vacant.		58	102	160												500			1250
11	8		429	960	1389	36	42	78	34	2	30	66	15	19	33	2872	6370			27,928

Without charge—Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent Am. B S.; Harry Brickett, Licentiate, Prin. Mer. Nor. Institute.

* Aided by H. M. Soc. $150; † $125; ‡ $150; ‖ $150.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors minister. sup.	No. of congregation.	Population of town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Alstead, 1st,	Samuel G. Tenney,	Stated supply.	20	52	72	1		1	1			1				50	300	35	100	1400
Alstead, East,	Bezaleel Smith,	June 16, 1852.	48	74	122		1	1	3		1	4		3	3	50	370	38	125	1535
Alstead, Paper-mill Vil.	Benjamin Ober,	Stated supply.	6	27	33	2		2					1		1	25	400	35	85	1535
Chesterfield,	Destitute.																			1680
Dublin,	George S. Kemp,		12	24	36				8		3	11								1088
Fitzwilliam,	John Woods,	Stated supply.	55	96	151	9	2	11	7		7	14	3	6	9	627	500	60	350	1482
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	14	29	43		1	1			2	2				100	300	42	90	668
Hinsdale,	Destitute.		32	56	88	8		8	2	2	2	6	4	1	5	125	600	60	185	1500
Jaffrey, *	Laban Ainsworth,	Dec. 10, 1782.	38	106	144	1		1			3	3		2	2	93	500	84	170	1497
	Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845.																		
Jaffrey, East,	G. W. Adams,	Stated supply.	19	33	52	2	2	4	3		1	4	1	4	5	221	500	45	85	1497
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818.	66	207	273	5	5	10	6		6	12	1	3	4	550	700	200	450	3392
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	32	65	97	1		1	2		1	3		2	2	79	320		150	886
Nelson,	William P. Gale,	Stated supply.	41	53	94		4	4	4		1	5		1	1	120	400*	70	120	775
Harrisville,	William G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	19	36	55	1	1	2	8		2	10		1	1	80	450	25	90	700
Roxbury,	Destitute.		8	17	25						2	2				3			75	280
Stoddard,	Joshua S. Gay,	Stated supply.	9	36	45	4		4	2		2	4	2		2	15	450		110	1105
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1846.	39	70	109	1	1	2	2		1	3	1	1	2	123	325	43	125	468
Surry,	Destitute.																			556
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood,	Oct. 15, 1836.	22	33	55				3		2	5		2	2	120	325	58	100	2106
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	18	42	60				6		1	7				245	350	65	100	800
Walpole,	J. M. Stow,	Jan. 31, 1855.	19	71	90				2		1	3				75	600		200	2000
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	40	112	152															1700
Westmoreland, South,	R. W. Fuller,	Stated supply.	7	19	26		1	1						1	1	36	400		90	
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 23, 1847.	63	121	184	1		1	3		3	6		4	4	300	600	83	200	2600*
24	22		627	1379	2006	36	18	59	62	2	41	105	13	31	44	3047	8390		7000	30,950

Without charge—Rev. G. Newell, Nelson; Rev. E. Jennison, New Alstead; Rev. A. Jenkins, Fitzwilliam. * & Parsonage.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addition.			Removals.			Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to ministerial support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
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Bath,	Thomas Boutelle,	March 10, 1833.	32	79	111		1	1	7		2	9		1	1	160	600	85	200	1574
Canaan,	Moses Gerould,	Stated supply.	13	24	37		4	4						1	1		300	45	75	2000
Haverhill,	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 9, 1849.	35	117	152	2	5	7	5		4	9	1		1	467	600	60	200	2800
Haverhill North,	Vacant.		5	10	15															
Hanover Centre,	A. H. Cutter,	Nov. 1850.			75	5		5	2		1	3				68	400		125	1500
Lyme,	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 5, 1831.	126	229	355	10	1	11	11	1	5	17	6	5	11	587	600		325	1618
Orford East,	Jotham Sewall,	Feb. 16, 1833.	45	43	88	4	2	6	1		1	2	3		3	65	400		100	1400
Orford West,	W. A. Smith,	Stated supply.	28	61	89	17	7	24			1	1	8	2	10	100	600	60	150	
Piermont,	I. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	35	65	100									1	1		300		200	948
Wentworth,		Jan. 20, 1832.	10	24	34						3	3							150	1197
10	8		329	652	1056	38	20	58	26	1	17	44	18	10	28	1442				

Without charge—Nathan Lord, D. D., Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Moses Searle.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed for benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to ministerial support.	No. of congregation.	Population of town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845.	14	31	45	1		1			3	3	1	1	2	50	450	34	130	1754
Brentwood,	Charles Dame,	May 17, 1851.	21	42	63	1	2	3			2	2	1		1	10	600	65	120	950
Dover,	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1853.	85	286	371	3	4	7	2		3	5	3	4	7	890	1000	136		8193
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	9	49	58	2		2			2	2	2		2	176	650	61	160	1497
Epping,	Vacant.		19	31	50						1	1					500			1663
Exeter, 1st church,	Vacant.		47	75	122															
Exeter, 2d church,	Isaac Hurd, / Asa Mann,	Sept. 11, 1819. / Nov. 19, 1851.	17	77	94	11		11					9	1	10	500	900	60	200	3400
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852.	11	36	47											136	600	40	80	739
Hampton,	Vacant.		50	120	170		1	1	4		6	10		12	12	75	600	65	250	1500
Kingston,	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855.	18	48	66					1	2	3					600	95	160	1190
New Castle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	8	24	32											12				891
Newington,	Vacant.																			472
New Market,	Elliot C. Cogswell,	Stated supp'y.	13	25	38															1937
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D. D. / John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1801. / Nov. 18, 1852.	71	107	178		1	1			2	2		7	7	280	600	90	250	950
Portsmouth,	Henry D. Moore,	Aug. 17, 1854.	76	247	323															9738
Raymond,	Vacant.		53	85	138															1256
Rochester,	James C. Seagrave,	May 25, 1854.	14	75	89						2	2				100	600	65	175	3000
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	31	70	101		1	1								30	450	90	200	1200
Seabrook & Hampton Falls,	Vacant.		21	47	68															1936
Salmon Falls, Rollinsford,	Edward E. Atwater,	Feb. 3, 1852.	25	70	95	5	4	9	5			5	5	3	8	175	700	95	175	1862
Great Falls, Somersworth,	Vacant.		47	119	166	17	16	33	3	1		4		2	2	400	1000	220	450	4800
South New Market,	Winthrop Fifield,	Stated supply.	8	14	22				2		2	4				60	400	20	100	600
Stratham,	John M. Steele,	Nov. 30, 1854.	17	38	55	3	4	7			2	2				50	600		100	840
23	18		675	1716	2391	43	33	76	16	2	27	45	21	30	51	2944				

Without charge—Jonathan Ward.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Male.	Female.	Total.	Additions Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removals. Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Baptisms Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Population of the town.
Acworth,	Edwin S. Wright,	Jan. 7, 1846	82	116	198		3	3	5		3	8		7	7	1251
Charlestown,	Worthington Wright,	March 16, 1852.	12	37	49	1		1	3		6	9				1644
Claremont,	R. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	78	110	188	1	7	8	7	1	10	18	1	5	6	3606
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	34	52	86	8	3	11			3	3	1	1	2	1606
Croydon,			20	25	45											861
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.	April 2, 1842.	82	160	242	1	11	12	13			13		3	3	1001
Enfield,			8	9	17	Former			report.							1742
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated supply.	21	34	55	1		1	1		1	2	1		1	659
Langdon,	C. Taylor,	Stated supply.	16	31	47	5	3	8	1		1	2	3	1	4	575
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	47	101	148	2	2	4			1	1	2	3	5	2136
Lebanon West,	Rufus Case,	June 26, 1851.	25	40	65		4	4	1		1	2				
Lempster 1st,	Robert Page,	Stated supply.	28	51	79		2	2	6	1	3	10		1	1	906
Lempster 2d,			10	13	23				2		2	4				
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	64	37	101	7	1	8	5		6	11	4	1	5	800
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1852.	92	157	249	8	1	4	10		8	18		5	5	2020
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	Stated supply.	6	28	34		1	1			1	1		2	2	600
Unity,			3	5	8	Former			report.							961
Washington,	John F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	7	28	35				4			4				1053
18	14		635	1034	1669	29	38	68	58	2	46	105	12	29	41	

Without charge—Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., John N. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover; E. T. Rowe, Meriden; Charles B. Haddock, D. D., West Lebanon; Licentiate, C. S. Richards, Meriden.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors minist. sup.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Antrim, Presbyterian,	John H. Bates,	March 16, 1853.	54	120	174		3	3	8		1	9		3	3	228	500	95	300	1143
Bennington,	John M. Whiton, S. S.	March 1, 1853.	9	31	40						1	1				55	250	35	120	541
Deering,	James W. Perkins, S.S.	1855.	12	24	36	1	1	2			1	1		1	1	11	400		100	890
Francestown,	Lathrop Taylor,	Nov. 19, 1851.	100	210	310	7	8	15	7		4	11	2	15	17	530	800	150	500	1114
Greenfield, 1st Cong.,	John LeBosquet, S. S.	April, 1849.	33	70	103	2	2	4	1		3	4	1		1	100	400	55	150	} 716
Greenfield, Evangelical,	Jonathan McGee,	Acting Pastor.	43	91	134															}
Hancock,	Asahel Bigelow,	May 15, 1850.	71	129	200	3		3			7	7	2	3	5	159	500		300	1060
Hillsboro' Centre,	Samuel H. Partridge,	May 10, 1853.	28	42	70	2	1	3			3	3				50	350	75	150	} 1685
Hillsboro' Bridge,	Jacob Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843.	17	48	65	3	2	5	2		2	4	1	6	7	75	350	60	150	}
Lyndeboro',	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.	38	64	102				1	1	5	7		1	1	158	475	50	140	968
New Boston, Presbyteri	an, Destitute. No retu	rn.			165															1476
Peterboro', Presbyter	Destitute. No return.				56															2222
12	10		405	829	1455	18	17	35	15	1	27	47	6	29	35	1366	4025	520	1910	11,817

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.*	*Education*.*	*Home Miss.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Bel. & Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March
Merrimack,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May.
Grafton & Coos,	Aug Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.
Rockingham,	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.

*Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † American and Foreign Christian Union.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Chs.	Min.	Com'cts.	Add.	Rem.	Bap.	Contribu.	Pop.Towns.
Belknap,	18	13	1373	29	52	18		
Caledonia,	3	2	176	5	2	2	141	1744
Deerfield,	8	7	668	48	36	30	497	10,345
Derry	11	10	1446	69	53	50		11,024
Harmony,	13	8	770	36	23	26	491	19 780
Hollis	16	13	2979	62	119	34	4786	28,362
Hopkinton,	20	19	2457	106	73	78	3497	32,726
Lancaster,	4	2	197	21	8	6	83	3,965
Manchester,	11	8	1389	78	66	33	2872	27,928
Monadnock,	24	22	2006	59	105	44	3047	30,950
Orange,	10	8	1056	58	44	28	1442	13,837
Piscataqua,	23	18	2391	76	45	51	2944	59,208
Sullivan,	18	14	1669	68	105	41		21,420
Union,	12	10	1455	35	47	35	1366	11,817
14	191	154	20,022	750	778	476	21,166	273,106
For 1854	187	158	20,309	759	664	467		

1854 Stated supplies 45. Vacant 26. Add by prof.467. Inf.Bap. 285
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CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap,	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia,	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Deerfield,	Otis Holmes.
Derry,	Loren Thayer.
Harmony,	
Hollis,	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Henry A. Kendall.
Lancaster.	Joseph B. Hill.
Manchester,	T. P. Sawin.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua,	Lyman White.
Sullivan,	Edwin S. Wright.
Union,	Jonathan McGee.

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MINUTES

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GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

New-Hampshire,

AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN EXETER,

AUGUST 26, 27, & 28, 1856.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at the Meeting House of the First Church in Exeter, on Tuesday, August 26, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A.M. The meeting was opened by a *Concio ad Clerum* by Rev. E. Irvin Carpenter, of Littleton, from Matt. 18 : 11. After Sermon the preacher took the Chair. Credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and Foreign Bodies were presented, and the following Ministers were found to constitute the General Association :

Associations.	Delegates.
Belknap,	R. M. Sargent, James Boutwell, Almon Benson.
Caledonia,	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Derry,	E. G. Parsons, Jesse Page.
Harmony,	J. H. Merrill, D. D. Tappan.
Hollis,	S. Lee, H. Moore, D. D.
Hopkinton,	W. T. Savage, H. Moody.
Lancaster,	J. B. Hill.
Manchester,	S. C. Bartlett.
Monadnock,	J. Woods, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., G. W. Adams.
Orange,	None.
Piscataqua,	J. M. Steele, J. Dinsmore, C. Dame, J. H. Mellish.
Sullivan,	R. F. Lawrence, C. A. Downs, H. Cummings, J. F. Griswold.
Suncook,	J. A. Hood.
Union,	J. H. Bates, J. Cummings.
Ex Officio,	J. K. Young, Secretary. A. P. Tenney, Treasurer. N. Lasell, A. Mann, Pastors of the churches in Exeter.
Gen. Conference of Maine,	Joseph Smith.
Gen. Association of Mass.,	Emerson Davis, D. D.
Gen. Association of Conn.,	Alpha Miller.
Gen. Association of Ohio,	S. P. Fay.
Gen. Association of Iowa,	E. Adams.
Gen. Convention of Wisconsin,	H. Freeman.
Gen. Assembly Pres. Church, O. S.,	John M. Krebs, D. D.
" "	*N. S.*. G. R. Fairchild, D. D.
N. H. Baptist State Convention,	William Lamson, D. D. F. Merriam.
N. H. Methodist State Conference,	James Thurston.

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The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. E. I. Carpenter, Moderator, Rev. R. M. Sargent, Scribe, and Rev. H. Cummings, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the body were read by the Secretary and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Lasell, Barstow and Savage were appointed a Committee on Nominations and Overtures.

Adjourned till a quarter past one o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Messrs. J. Woods, J. Boutwell, S. Lee, J. Freeman and S. P. Fay were appointed a Committee to report on the Narratives on the state of religion.

Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., J. French, D. D., A. W. Burnham, E. I. Carpenter, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, J. Woods, N. Lord, D. D., A. Bodwell, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey, Z. S. Barstow, D. D. and L. Whiting, were appointed a Committee to certify the regular standing of Ministers and Licentiates travelling beyond the bounds of this State.

Rev. Messrs. S. Lee and H. Cummings were chosen a Committee on the place and preacher for the next meeting.

Rev. R. M. Sargent, Delegate to the General Association of Iowa, reported his attendance and kind reception by that body.

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. was chosen Auditor for the coming year.

Voted, To have 600 copies of the Minutes printed. The Scribes were appointed a Committee of publication.

Rev. Messrs. A. P. Tenney, J. A. Hood and Jesse Page were appointed a Committee to revise the plan recommended for benevolent operations.

The report of the Treasurer, Rev. A. P. Tenney, was read and accepted; and it was voted that a tax of 25 cents be assessed on each member for the next year.

The hour for public exercises having arrived, after prayer by Rev. I. Willey, reports from the District Associations were received, with practical remarks by Rev. W. Clark. Reports were presented by the Delegates from the General Associations of Iowa, Massachusetts and Connecticut, from the Congregational Conference of Ohio, from the General Conference of Maine, from the General Convention of Wisconsin and from the N. H. Methodist Conference.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Barstow.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Davis.

Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Rev. W. R. Jewett, Delegate to the General Assembly, O. S. reported by letter his attendance and kind reception. Rev. O. Holmes, Delegate to the Massachusetts General Association, Rev. W. Fifield, Delegate to the N. H. Methodist Conference, and Rev. J. B. Hill, Delegate to the N. H. Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, reported attendance and kind reception by those bodies.

Voted, That the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Address be requested to forward the same to the Publishing Committee and that it be published in the Minutes.

The following Delegates to Foreign Bodies were appointed:

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. Amos Blanchard, primary; and Rev. G. W. Adams, substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. James Boutwell. primary, and Rev. A. P. Tenney, substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. A. Mann, primary, and Rev. W. T. Savage, substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. William G. Tuttle, primary, and Rev. Henry Cummings, substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. M. B. Angier, primary, and Rev. E. E. Adams, substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. E. N. Hidden, primary, and Rev. J. A. Hood, substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. Isaac Willey, primary, and Rev. G. W. Adams, substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan, Rev. R. F. Lawrence, primary, and Rev. J. Ordway, substitute.

To the Congregational Conference of Ohio, Rev. Charles Tenney, primary, and Rev. N. Lasell, substitute.

To the General Associations of Illinois and Iowa, Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, D. D. primary, and Rev. S. C. Bartlett, substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., Rev. J. K. Young, primary, and Rev. J. H. Bates, substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., Rev. Loren Thayer, primary, and Rev. Samuel Lee, substitute.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. E. G. Parsons, primary, and Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., substitute.

To the New Hampshire Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, Rev. C. Shedd, primary, and Rev. H. A. Kendall, substitute.

To the New Hampshire Methodist Conference, Rev. R. Kimball, primary, and Rev. R. M. Sargent, substitute.

To the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, Rev. A. Smith, primary, and Rev. J. A. Hood, substitute.

Rev. Messrs. S. C. Bartlett and O. Holmes were appointed a Committee on the communication and resolutions from the General Association of Iowa.

Rev. Messrs. E. G. Parsons, J. M. Steele, and J. H. Merrill were appointed to prepare resolutions on Temperance.

Resolved, That a Committee be raised to report to the next General Association the proportion of the population of this State that neglect public worship. Rev. Drs. Stone and Bouton and Rev. Wm. Clark were appointed as that Committee.

Rev. Henry E. Parker was appointed preacher before the Communion next year, and Rev. C. W. Wallace, substitute.

The Delegate from the N. H. Baptist Convention, and the Delegate from the General Assembly, N. S., presented reports.

The American Tract Society received attention. Rev. S. Bliss introduced Mr. Cross, Colporteur in Virginia, who gave an account of his labors.

An overture on a monument to WHITEFIELD, who preached his last Sermon near the spot where the Association was in session, was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. L. Whiting, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. and Rev. A. Mann.

Association gave place to the N. H. Education Society. Prayer and reports, and addresses by Rev. Messrs. Downs and Whiting.

Association resumed business, and the Sabbath School Anniversary was held. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bouton; report presented by Rev. J. H. Merrill, and addresses by Rev. A. Bullard, Rev. Charles Tenney and Rev. C. W. Wallace.

Adjourned till half past 1 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

A letter from the Oregon Association of Presbyterian and Congregational Ministers was read and the Secretary was instructed to answer the same.

The Committee for revising the plan recommended for benevolent operations, reported, that with the Tract Society be united the name of the Congregational Board of Publication, as recommended to the benevolence of the churches, and that the times for the collections in Grafton and Coos Counties, and in Rockingham County be mutually interchanged; and the report was adopted.

Association gave place for the N. H. Bible Society. Prayer was offered, and reports made. Addresses by Rev. Messrs. E. N. Hidden, William Lamson, D. D., J. P. Leo, Z. S. Barstow, D. D. and N. Bouton, D. D.

Rev. G. R. Fairchild, D. D., presented the cause of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

Association resumed business.

The Committee on place and preacher for the next meeting, reported, that the Secretary decide upon and give public notice of the place, and that Derry Association furnish the preacher.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Iowa, made a report, which was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

Resolutions in favor of the American and Foreign Christian Union were presented and adopted, and were as follows :—

Whereas large portions of the nominal Christian world are overrun by the errors of the Greek and Roman apostacies, and their inhabitants are involved in great moral darkness endangering their own salvation, and greatly hindering the progress of the work of evangelization among the Mohammedan and Pagan nations :—And whereas, in the judgment of this Association, the appropriate remedy for these evils is the propagation of a pure Christianity in the parts corrupted : therefore,

Resolved, That the American and Foreign Christian Union, whose object is, to promote and diffuse a pure and evangelical Christianity, wherever a corrupted Christianity exists, meets the cordial approbation of this General Association.

Resolved, That, in view of the success that has attended the labors of this Society since its organization, and of the many wide and inviting doors of usefulness that are now open among the papal population in this hemisphere, and also in the Eastern, for the introduction of Evangelical Missionaries, the friends of Protestant and Evangelical truth are loudly called upon, to put forth vigorous and increased efforts suitably to occupy these places now providentially open.

Resolved, That, to encourage the Board of Directors and enable them to go on with the work entrusted to them, this Association recommend to the churches in its connexion to take up and forward to the treasury of the Society effective contributions.

The report of the Committee on the Narratives was read, amended and laid over.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. Lee.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 28.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. Adams.

The Minutes of the previous day were read, and the Secretary was instructed to insert a brief notice of the exercises of the benevolent Societies to which the Association gives place.

The resolutions presented by the Committee on the communication from Iowa, being the order of the day, were taken up. After protracted discussion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :—

Whereas, This body, at its last annual meeting, in courteous language, expressed its fears that the new measure of the N. S. General Assembly, for employing Presbyterian Missionaries and organizing Presbyterian churches "in advance of all others," would prove "inconsistent with their harmonious co-operation with Congregationalists in the Home Missionary work," and earnestly recommended, before that plan be put in operation, a mutual conference, to come to an amicable understanding of the whole subject; and whereas, the execution of that plan was commenced, and the plan has been fully sustained by the General Assembly at its recent session; and whereas, while intimations already appear, of its unfavorable effect on the contributions of our Presbyterian brethren to the Home Missionary Society, distinct and emphatic testimony comes to us from the west, of its unhappy influence "in the disruption of churches and embittered ecclesiastical relations;" therefore,

Resolved, 1. That our convictions are fully confirmed, that the prosecution of this plan may issue in the final rupture of our mutual and fraternal relations to the Home Missionary work, and we, once more, earnestly entreat them to pause before that issue comes.

2. That should that result, so detrimental to the cause of Christ, take place, the responsibility of it will rest on them, and not on us.

3. That our Secretary communicate these resolutions to the N. S. General Assembly.

The Committee on the monument to Whitefield presented their report, which was accepted, and its consideration deferred.

The Association gave way for the N. H. Missionary Society.

Prayer was offered, and the report was presented, and addresses were made by Rev. W. Clark, Rev. C. Seccombe of Minnesota, and Rev. J. P. Leo, of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

Association resumed business. Rev. Dr. Krebs, Rev. Dr. Fairchild, Rev. T. Savage and Rev. A. P. Tenney were appointed to officiate at the Communion.

Rev. Messrs. J. Woods and J. Boutwell were appointed a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Address for next year.

The following brethren were appointed Committees on the subjects named :—Rev. E. E. Adams on the Seamen's cause; Rev. E. H. Greeley on the American and Foreign Christian Union; Rev. J. H. Merrill on Sabbath Schools; Rev. J. M. R. Eaton on Foreign Missions; Rev. Wm. T. Herrick on the Tract cause.

Adjourned till half past one o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion resolved, that the cordial thanks of this Association be presented, through the Pastors of the Congregational churches, to the people of Exeter for their very hospitable entertainment.

The following minute on the state of the country was adopted :—

In view of the present crisis in the political condition of the country, on account of the great differences on questions affecting most deeply and vitally the moral and religious state of society throughout the land, we recommend to our churches and to all Christians *Special Prayer*, that God will save us from present and threatening evils, the result of which we know not, and in his own Almighty wisdom overrule the conflicting interests and passions of men for the establishment of truth, freedom and righteousness.

The remaining resolutions of the Committee on the communication from Iowa were referred to the District Associations, to be incorporated in the Minutes as follows :—

Whereas, There exists a great and increasing difference of sentiment and action between this body and the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, concerning the iniquities of American slavery, and both the General Assemblies have recently denied to foreign bodies the right of remonstrance on this subject;—and whereas, the interchange of Delegates, owing to this difference, is becoming more an occasion of alienation than a bond of peace; therefore,

Resolved, That the continued correspondence of this body by Delegates with the Old School and New School General Assemblies is interrupted by their present position.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate the preamble and resolutions to those bodies.

After discussion the above preamble and resolutions were referred to the District Associations for their action on the same.

The Committee on Temperance reported the following resolutions which were adopted :—

Resolved, That we are convinced of the propriety and necessity of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, and its thorough execution, as an important means of suppressing and preventing intemperance in the State.

That the revived attention recently given to the illustration anew of the established principles of the Temperance reform, and also, to obtaining pledges, especially of the young, to total abstinence, meets our hearty approval.

That in order that our efforts in this cause be purely and permanently useful, we should never lose sight of the great truth that God must be our helper, and that we must act in such a manner and in the exercise of such a spirit as will secure God's acceptance and blessing.

The Committee on the Monument to Whitefield made the following report, which was adopted :

The books of Deuteronomy, Ezra and Nehemiah, and the Acts of the Apostles, may be styled the monumental books of the Scripture, of the biblical-famed deeds and men. Inspiration thus indicates its care of the past. It is a constant feature of mankind, advanced from barbarism, to perpetuate the great and worthy acts of the past. The churches of New Hampshire have in possession the scene of an event, the *preaching of the last Sermon* of that beloved disciple of Christ, the world-renowned Rev. GEORGE WHITEFIELD, who, on Saturday, September 29, 1770, closed his earthly labors in a Sermon at Exeter, near the spot where the General Association are now assembled. The Association, mindful of God's eminent grace in this preacher of the gospel, unparallelled by any example since the Protestant Reformation, and deploring the absence of those days of revival, so signal under his labors, and longing to witness again such days, would seek, by preserving the remembrance of those scenes here through some suitable MEMORIAL STONE, that shall remind the resident, the visitor, and the traveller of them, to deepen the desire for their return. To these ends your Committee unanimously propose to the General Association, now convened, to appoint a Committee of seven persons — three from this body and four from the citizens of the town of Exeter — to procure subscriptions, determine the position, plan and legend of the memorial, and to erect the same, agreeably to the above expressed designs.

We also recommend, that a subscription for the above purposes be opened by the Association now assembled.

On this Committee were appointed from the Association, Rev. Messrs. L. Whiting, N. Bouton, D. D. and A. Mann, and from the citizens of the place, Hon. Amos Tuck, Joseph G. Hoyt, Esq., Wm. Perry, M. D. and Wm. Odlin, Esq.

The report of the Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund was read and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Krebs presented his credentials as Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., and made a report.

The Sermon before the Communion was preached by Rev. John H. Merrill, from Eph. 3 : 8, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to ascertain the proportion of the people of this State that attend public worship, be enlarged by themselves to a competent number.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Miller, the Association adjourned, *sine die.*

E. IRVIN CARPENTER, *Moderator.*

R. M. SARGENT, *Scribe.*

HENRY CUMMINGS, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The history of God's dealings with this Association and the churches connected with it, is such as should awaken our gratitude and inspire our confidence.

Death has been commissioned to take but one of our number. Our venerable father, Rev. Josiah Prentice, of Northwood, has been called to the rewards of his ministry at the advanced age of 83. Also, within our borders, though not officially connected with this body, Rev. Seneca Cummings, an eminently faithful servant of Jesus Christ, and Missionary of the American Board, received an early call to his rest.

There are in this State, and connected with this Association, about 190 churches, and about 20,000 church members. The additions and removals of members have been nearly equal—the returns making a difference of only 20. Of these additions, 286 have been by profession.

But few revivals are reported; though in many of the congregations there have been a few instances of hopeful conversion, and of the public profession of religion. Instances of conversion are reported as occurring in the Academies at New Ipswich and at Meriden.

It is believed that our Sabbath Schools receive an undiminished share of the attention and prayers of the churches; yet, that the interest and effort in this direction are not what they should be, is evident from the fact, that less than one-third of those in the State, under the age of 21 years, are in the Sabbath School.

The cause of Temperance wears an encouraging aspect. We are called upon to give thanks to God for the Prohibitory Law which is attended with these happy results.

A fact that enters largely into our estimates of the present and the future of our churches, is the constant draft upon its numbers and resources by emigration. Not a few of the churches in the "hill country" of our State, are reported as already so reduced in numbers as to render the support of religious institutions scarcely possible. Either the power of the churches and of the Spirit of God in these places must become such as to secure the conversion of a far greater proportion of the population, or they will soon become "waste places" in our Zion.

We have been most happy to secure Christian salutations through their Delegates, from the N. H. Baptist State Convention, from the N. H. Methodist Episcopal Church, from the General Associations of Masachusetts, Connecticut and Ohio, from the Congregational Association of Iowa, the General Convention of Wisconsin, the General Conference of Maine, and the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church. We are bound to these religious organizations by ties of great sacredness,—ties which we hope may never be sundered.

The cause of Education is steadily advancing. Our Common Schools l Academies are conducted with higher degrees of adaptation to the l which they contemplate. Our College is in many respects prosperous.) are happy to hear that conversions occur among the students. Our ie is for revivals of great power. This is the day of revivals in Colleges. r own College was founded in prayer. It had for its object the con-sion of young men to God, and the education of an efficient and thor-ghly sanctified ministry for the church. The present is a day of *hope* h the church. It is addressing itself to the work of the world's conver-) in the expectation of great success and of an ultimate, and not remote imph. It needs a ministry whose heart should have been expanded l its whole character ennobled by the power of Hope, — the hope of cess in the sublime effort as "co-workers together with Christ," for the eneration of our fallen humanity. Our prayer to God is, that this, our oved Institution, may exert its legitimate influence in preparing for us a istry of this apostolic type. We commend the College, its officers and students to the prayers of the churches, whose especially it is. These cers and students need both the incentive and encouragement which h a practice on our part — our prayers — would furnish.

PASTORAL LETTER.

e General Association of New Hampshire sends Christian Salu-utation to the Churches in their connexion.

LOVED BRETHREN,

You have a right to expect that those who now address you should atch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you." It will impossible, in a single letter, to unfold to you all the desires of our art. Suffer us to direct your attention to a single point.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS.

When the forerunner of Christ cried in the wilderness, "Prepare ye) way of the Lord, make his paths straight," various classes of men came ore him with the inquiry, "What shall we do?" When the persecut-; disciple of Gamaliel gained a correct view of the Lord Jesus Christ, great inquiry was, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Our Sav-s instruction, as set forth in the parable, is this, "Son, go work TO-DAY my vineyard. As often, then, as "to-day" comes every child of God) something to do for him.

1. We invite you, dear brethren, to consider *the greatness of the work be done*. It is nothing less than, instrumentally, to save souls.

The varieties of character to be acted upon in every community are ny. They vary from the *almost persuaded* to the skeptic, and the cav-r. The ignorant are to be instructed; the revilers silenced; arguing believers convinced; the despairing encouraged; enquirers directed.

In order to accomplish all this, the power and excellence of the gospel need to be exhibited, not only in the lucid and logical Sermon, but there must be an exemplification of the same in the everywhere present *life*. The work will not be done by an *occasional* effort, but it must be constant as the recurrence of day and night, and ubiquitous as the atmosphere.

2. *Consider the desirableness of the work.*

The Apostle assures us that "godliness is profitable unto all things, *having the promise of the life that now is.*" The Psalmist says, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Such texts bring before us the general principle that those who "fear God and keep his commandments" will experience his favor in this world. If we would test the truth of this principle, we have only to recur to the page of history. What is the present condition of the British Isles compared with the same before the introduction of the gospel? The present century has furnished us with a striking example. We need only present the words, "Sandwich Islands," to suggest a most interesting train of thought. Every pious heart prompts the exclamation, Lo, what hath God wrought! The change has been wrought through the gospel; not merely by the introduction of Christianity there, but by the hearty reception of its blessed truths on the part of the people. Let the church of Christ in our own beloved country become extinct with the present generation, and how many years would roll by before the morals of the people would become tenfold more corrupt than they now are? "Ye are the light of the world;" "Ye are the salt of the earth." Dr. Chalmers assures us that the morals of his people waxed worse and worse, notwithstanding all his efforts to improve them, as long as he left out of his preaching the great central doctrines of our holy religion.

But godliness has also the promise of the *life that is to come*. The salvation of the soul in the spirit-world is secured by it. Beloved brethren, send your thoughts forward to that period in your existence which is fast approaching, when you will be spirits, bright angels before the great white throne. There you will be able, from personal experience, to know something of the blessing of salvation. In that position, compute, as nearly as you can, the value of the divine favor, of the society of pure spirits, of the joy and bliss of heaven; then conceive all this to be stricken out of your experience, and your spirits given over to the tormentors, to be kept under chains of darkness till the judgment, then to receive the sentence, *depart!* O how desirable will be the favor of God in that coming world. You hope to experience it, but many of your neighbors have no such hope.

Then remember, *God will be glorified* in the salvation of men. How desirable, on all these accounts, that the people, *all the people*, should become experimental Christians.

But where are the laborers to accomplish, instrumentally, this great and desirable work? The Pastors of the churches cannot do it all. Their previous education, united with their present position, may have given them

n talents,' and for the use of these they are responsible. But there are
, two, three, five, ten talents, scattered all through the church, in the
session of the private members, and these also must be used. The his-
y of Napoleon's victories would never have been written had there not
ned among the private soldiers the spirit of war. How then is the
at enemy of all righteousness to be driven from his strong hold in the
rts of men, unless there be an intelligent, a determined work of exter-
ination carried forward by all the friends of God and of human renova-
n ?

Beloved brethren, by the grace and providence of God, you are pecul-
y fitted to engage in this work. Your circumstances are like those of
men whom we wish brought to Christ. You have similar trials and
ptations. You are intimately acquainted with them. You are with
m in their families, fields and workshops. You sit with them at the ta-
; and pillow your heads together at night. Surely, all things conspire
render your position a favorable one for giving "precept upon precept,
cept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and
re a little," for sowing seed in the morning, and in the evening with-
ding not the hand, expecting that the one or the other, or *both* will
sper.

And then have you not time enough, leisure time, to accomplish a great
ount of work ? Those clippings of time which are not devoted to neces-
y business, when seen in the aggregate, will be no small source of grief
us, if we have lost them. Why not, when a vacant hour occurs, when
er masters put no work into our hands, say, "Lord, what wilt *thou* have
to do ?" If the inquiry be made with sincere earnestness, employment
l not be wanting. The pious Elder, who spent a night in prayer for a
offing infidel,' found time in the morning to ride two miles to the man's
p and say to him, "Mr. R——, I am greatly concerned for your salva-
n —— greatly concerned for your salvation !" And the consequence was
t he became a "brand plucked out of the fire."

Our exhortation, brethren, is, that each one should use faithfully his own
nt in efforts to save souls. How dignified is such employment. We
s become laborers together with God. The humble disciple that comes
ore the 'mercy seat,' should not doubt but that he may lead sinners
he Lamb of God. Paul plants, Apollos waters, but neither gives the
rease. It is not greatness of talent, but sincerity of purpose that will
ure the Divine co-operation. The 'two mites' won the applause of
rist more than the 'much,' which constituted only a part of the 'abun-
ce' of the rich. "If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted ac-
ding to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." May
all, both pastors and people, individually, so work in the Lord's vine-
d on earth, that he may say to us at last, "Well done, thou good and
hful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make
e ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

JUNE 4, 1856.

At the Meeting of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, present, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. H. E. Parker, Rev. J. Woods, Rev. J. M. Putnam, F. N. Fisk, and Samuel Morril.

Chose Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. President; Samuel Morril, Secretary; F. N. Fisk, Treasurer.

Voted, that the Executive Committee be the same as last year.

Chose James Moulton and Samuel Morril, Auditors.

Voted to accept the Report of the Treasurer.

At a Meeting of the Executive Committee, Voted to appropriate $25 each to the same persons as last year :—Mrs. Moses Dow, Plaistow; Mrs. Mary Pillsbury, Boscawen; Mrs. Betsey Hall, East Lebanon; Mrs. Abby Lawton, Hillsborough; Mrs. J. W. Stearns, Brentwood—$125.

SAMUEL MORRIL, SEC'Y.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN ACCOUNT WITH ASA P. TENNEY—TREAS.

August 14, 1858, received of

Hopkinton Association,	3,75	Union	2,25
Belknap	2,50	Orange	2,25
Deerfield	1,25	Harmony	1,25
Hollis	3,25	Manchester	1.45
Monadnock	3,50	Piscataqua	11,00
Sullivan	2,25	Balance account 1855,	15,96
		Total.	$50,66

Jan. 24. 1856. Dr. to paid Rev. David Kimball's account

for printing Minutes, -	$31.60
for enveloping and Postage, -	3,25
	34,85
Balance,	$15,81

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of Rev. Asa P. Tenney, Treasurer of the N. H. General Association, and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

CONCORD, AUG. 26, 1856. N. BOUTON.

STANDING RULES.

1. This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and shall be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M. by a Concio ad Clerum, by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a Moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A Scribe and Assistant Scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the minister of the place of the meeting, and Delegates from District Associations, according to the following ratio of representation, viz. One from every Association; two from every Association of seven members; three from every Association of thirteen members; and four from every Association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two Associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a Delegate, who has not received ordination.

5. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of the Delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a Moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The Secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterwards be enlarged by the Committee of Overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A Committee of three shall be early chosen by ballot, who shall nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all Committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and also be a Committee of Overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the Moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the Moderator, nor have leave of absence without a vote of the Association.

11. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the Minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies shall be certified by the printed Minutes, or by a certificate from the Secretary.

14. The narratives of the state of Religion in our churches and Corresponding Bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The District Associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers, settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c. [See forms in the Statistics.]

16. A condensed narrative of the state of Religion in each Association shall be prepared and reported by a Committee.

17. The schedules and narratives of Religion shall be lodged with the Secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The Publishing Committee shall see that the Minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to Delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the District Associations.

19. This Association shall, as far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the State.

20. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

The following modification of the exercises of the General Association was adopted at their meeting at Nashua, in 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meetings, public religious services, under the direction of the pastor of the place, be held every evening during the session; that the narratives of the state of Religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers: That Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the N. H. Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the N. H. Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other objects as the Association shall direct and time will allow; and, finally, that a Sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the Communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

Statistics of the Churches.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.			Contributed for benevolent objects.	Amount of Ministerial Support.	No. supporters.	No. of congregation.	Population of town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Total.					
Alton,	Vacant.		2	7	9											18,00	450*	30	75	1795
Barnstead,	Enos George.	Sept. 26, 1804.	84	125	209	1		1	1		5	6	1		1					1848
Bridgewater,	Vacant.																			667
Bristol,	Joseph Garland, S. S.		30	55	85	7	1	8					6	2	8	160 00	400		135	1100
Campton,	Charles Shedd.	March 24, 1842.	23	54	77	1		1	2		2	4	1		1		400‖		100	1439
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson.	Dec. 23, 1840.	17	32	49	3	4	7		1		1		1	1	55 10	350†	14	100	543
Danbury,	Daniel Goodhue.	March 2, 1855.	22	26	48	2		2	1			1				32 50	400*		410	1050
Gilmanton Centre,	R. M. Sargent.	April 27, 1852.	55	77	132		2	2	5	1	2	8		6	6	94 23	500‖	74	135	3282
Gilmanton East,	Vacant.		14	24	38											11 00	‖		60	
Groton,	Liba Conant.	Stated supply.	13	17	30												162 50	30	90	800
Hebron,			6	22	28												137 50	25	175	600
Laconia,	John K. Young.	Nov. 30, 1831.	50	131	181	8	5	13	2		5	7	3	3	6	218 00	600	87	200	1800
Meredith,	I. F. Holton.	Stated supply.	15	37	52		1	1	1		1	2				107 00	500*	37	90	1800
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett.	June 25, 1845.	40	96	136	1		1	6		6	12		7	7	455 00	550	75	200	1290
Sanbornton,	James Boutwell.	June 24, 1852.	45	90	136		3	3			5	5				95 58	500	60	140	2800
Thornton,	Vacant.		2	10	12															
16	11		418	803	1221	23	16	39	18	2	26	46	12	19	31	1226				

* $150 from N. H. Miss. Society. $100 from do. † Aided by do. ‖ With Parsonage.

WITHOUT CHARGE—Rev. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton ; Rev. Enoch Corser, Boscawen,

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Addition.			Removals.			Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to ministerial support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Bethlehem,	Thomas Hall,	Stated supply.	13	21	34	4	1	5					1	1	2	16	225	21	100	950
Franconia,			4	10	14						1	1					175		125	584
Littleton,	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 13, 1842.	32	96	128						1	1				125	600	100	180	2100
3	2		49	127	176	4	1	5			2	2	1	1	2	141	1000	121	405	1714

DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Atkinson,	Jesse Page,	Acting pastor.	32	70	102	3	1	4	3		3	6	3		3	$71	$300	40	150	60
Auburn,	James Holmes,	Dec. 5, 1849.	16	35	51		2	2	3		3	6				50	400	56	90	81
Candia,	W. T. Herrick,	July 5, 1854.	97	158	255	14	4	18	4		9	13	5	2	7	300	700	83	200	148
Chester,	L. Armsby,	May 29, 1846.	67	139	206	14	1	15	4		3	7	2		2	376	600	90	200	130
Deerfield,	W. W. Condit,	1855.	47	75	122	13	4	17	2		3	5	6	1	7	50	600			202
Derry 1st church,			84	166	250	1	3	4	3		3	6	1	1	2	458	800		250	
Derry 1st Cong. ch.	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 1, 1851.	32	90	122		1	1	5		4	9		1	1	242	600	65	150	185
Hampstead,	J. M. C. Bartley,	Oct. 12, 1836.	25	61	86	0	2	2	1		1	2		1	1	75	450			80
Pelham,	J. E. Farwell,	Acting pastor.	20	59	79	2	0	2					1		1					
Plaistow,	Charles Tenney,	Acting pastor.	28	60	88	5		5	2		1	3	2	3	5	120	600		175	
Raymond,	D. B. Bradford,	Dec. 5, 1855.	58	78	136	1	6	7	2		3	5	1	1	2	24	660	72	175	122
Salem,	William Page,	Dec. 1, 1853.	16	39	55						2	2				48	500			
Windham,	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	50	89	139	3	4	7	1		1	2		4	4	225	500	100	250	81
Total,	9 pastors, 3 acting		572	1119	1691	56	28	84	30		36	66	21	14	35	1968	6350		1490	10,
18 churches.	pastors, 1 vacant.	57 1-2 years.														11 chhs	11 chhs		8 ch.	310
Average to each	pastor, 6 1-2 years.		44	86	130									1		$179	$577	77 2-3	186	9 ch.
	1 pastor, 20 years.															aver.	aver.	aver.	aver	1146
	2 " 10 years	each.														11 chhs	11 chhs	6 chhs.	8 ch.	aver
	3 " 40 1-2	years. Average	each, 13 1-2																	9 ch.
	6 " 17 years,	Average each	not 3 years.																	

HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Conway,	Reuben Kimball, s. s.	Feb. 1856.	15	32	47	2		2	1		4	5	1	3	4	61	68	$500			17
Effingham,	Vacant.		5	17	22						4	4									12
Farmington,	Danl. D. Tappan, s. s.	Oct. 24, 1852.	12	27	39	2		2			1	1		3	3	154	84	500	65	125	200
Milton,	James Doldt, s. s.		24	56	80	9		9					8		8					175	176
Moultonboro' 1st ch.	Vacant.		16	17	33				31			31									174
Moultonboro' 2d ch.	James Tatton, s. s.	June 22, 1856.	11	20	31		31	31										400	25	80	
North Wolfborough,	Stephen Merrill, s. s.	1-2 time. 1851.	19	34	53						4	4				50	00	350	12	50	
Ossipee,	Horace Wood, s. s.	May, 1848.	28	45	73	9	1	10	4		2	6	4	2	6	142	00			90	2123
Sandwich Corner,	Vacant.		16	34	50						4	4									2577
Sandwich North,	Freewill Baptist 1-4	time, s. s. 1853.	11	15	26	3		3					1	1	2						
Tamworth,	John H. Merrill,	Aug. 17, 1853.	62	112	174	1		1	3		1	4	1	1	2	146	40			175	1766
Tuftonborough,	Vacant.		7	13	20											8	00				1805
Wakefield,	Nathaniel Barker, s. s.	1835.	8	25	33						2	2				42	00	330	35	90	1500
Wolfborough,	Vacant.		16	42	58																2033
14	8		250	489	739	26	32	58	39		22	61	15	10	25	684	92				

Without charge—Rev. J. Dodge, Moultonborough; Rev. S. Kingsbury, Tamworth.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addition.			Removals.			Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to minister's support.	Number of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Amherst,	J. Gardner Davis,	May 22, 1844.	86	210	296	1	10	11	4		6	10		4	4	600	700		400	1660
Brookline,	Vacant.				75	Last			year's				report.							718
Hollis,	P. B. Day,	July 7, 1852.	79	136	215		11	11			3	3		4	4					1292
Mason,	J. L. Arms,	Oct. 30, 1850.	52	60	112		9	9			1	1				44	500		175	1626
Mason village,	Vacant.				114	Last			year's				report.							
South Merrimack,	Daniel Sawyer,	Stated supply.			44	Last			year's				report.							
Milford,	E. N. Hidden,	Nov. 21, 1849.			317	3	16	19	4		4	8	1	2	3	650	800			2500
Nashua, Olive st.	Austin Richards,	April 6, 1836.			350	Last			year's				report.							
Nashua, 1st church,	Vacant.				413	Last			year's				report.							
Nashua, Pearl st.	Ezra E. Adams,	Aug. 31, 1853.			182	Last			year's				report.							
New Ipswich, 1st ch.	Samuel Lee,	May 5, 1836.	83	164	247		1	1	4		3	7		7	7		700		250	1877
New Ipswich, 2d ch.	William Russell,	June 25, 1856.	25	49	74	2	5	7	2		1	3				125	700	30	150	
Mont Vernon,	Vacant.				163	Last			year's				report.							
Rindge,	Amos W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821.	92	165	257	5	4	9	3		6	9		8	8	300	500	90	350	1274
Temple,	George Goodyear,	April 25, 1855.	33	67	100	3	2	5	2		1	3				240	500	64	175	579
Wilton,	Vacant.				84	Last			year's				report.							
16	11		450	851	3023	14	58	72	19		25	41	1	25	26					

Without charge—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford; E. M. Kellogg, J. W. Shepard, Nashua; William Clark, Amherst; Noah Emerson, Leonard Jewett, Hollis; J. E. B. Jewett, E. Jaffrey; Daniel Goodwill, Brookline; Walter Follett, Temple.

Andover,	Vacant.		8	15	23	Report of		1855.															1220
Boscawen East,	Ambrose Smith,	June 15, 1853.	57	90	147		5	5	3		3		2	2	301	00	600		78	225			2063
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	Dec. 12, 1837.	57	90	147				1	2	3						450		37	150			
Bradford,	Carey Russell,	Stated supply.	15	33	48	Report of		1855.															1400
Bristol,	Joseph Garland,	Stated supply.	25	46	71	Report of		1855.															1103
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	Nov 22, 1843.	43	80	123	3	1	4	3	3	6	2	3	5	60	00	500		68	150			1614
Concord East,	Henry A. Kendall,	June 26, 1851.	33	66	99				2	3	5				217	00	400			150			
Concord First,	Nathaniel Bouton, D.D.	March 23, 1825.	63	185	248		6	6	3	7	10				685	60	900		100				
Concord South,	Henry E. Parker,	May 14, 1851.	85	187	272	12	4	16	9	2	11	5	4	9	975	00	1000		130	400			10,600
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	April 23, 1833.	66	131	197	1	1	2	2	4	6	1		1			450						
Fisherville,	J. M. Cross,	Stated supply.	26	48	74	4	3	7				2		2			500			125			
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	Sept. 4, 1849.	24	80	104	2	4	6	5	2	7		1	1	163	92	650						1251
Henniker,	J. M. R. Eaton,	Feb. 26, 1851.	51	117	168	4	3	7	6	3	9	2	5	7	470	00	500		79	151			1690
Hill,	Vacant.		13	29	42	Former		report.															954
Hopkinton,	M. B. Angier,	June 8, 1853.	80	105	185	7	1	8	1	3	4	4	20	24	450	00	600			200			2500
Northfield and Sanbornton Bridge,	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	38	86	124	2	2	4	4	1	5	2	3	5			475			270			par. 2200
Pembroke,	Lewis Goodrich,	May 24, 1856.	31	88	119	1		1		6	6	1	2	3	104	42	600		85	200			1733
Salisbury,	Thomas Pattray,	May 7, 1856.	24	61	85		1	1	1	2	3		2	2	70	00	500		55	150			1228
Warner,	H. O. Howland,	Jan. 4, 1854.	34	83	117		1	1	5	4	9				147	45	500		20	125			2038
Wilmot,	Vacant.		12	18	30	Report of		1855.															1272
20	17		784	1638	2425	25	27	52	42	35	77	13	20	33	3124	39							

Without charge—Ebenezer Price, William Patrick, B. P. Stone, D. D.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts. Male.	Female.	Total.	Addition. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removals. Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Baptisms Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to minister's support.	Number of congregation.	Population of the town.
Colebrook and vicinity	Joseph B. Hill,	Stated supply.	17	39	56		2	2	1		2	3	2	2	4		250	60	80	908
Dalton,	Baker,	S. S. 1-2 time.	8	20	28				1		1	2					150	15	175	800
Lancaster,	Prescott Fay,	Feb. 27, 1856.	16	79	95	2	18	20			1	1	2	3	5	$13	650	66	175	1700
Stewartstown and vicinity,	Destitute.		11	17	28															747
4	3		52	155	207	2	20	22	2		4	6	4	5	9					

Without charge—Josiah Morse, Northumberland.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Bedford, Pres.	Thomas Savage,	July 5, 1826.	62	93	153	3	5	8	5		3	8		5	5	500	600	70	350	1300
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	July 8, 1830.	29	76	105	3		3			3	3				320	470	60	350	915
Goffstown,	E. H. Richardson,	May, 1854.	34	71	105	2	1	3	1		4	5		1	1	211	700		550	2000
Hooksett,	Wm. A. Fobes,	Nov. 8, 1855.	9	31	40	1	4	5	1			1					500	52	110*	1503
Hudson,	D. L. French,	S. S. Nov. 1852.	22	45	67	2		2	2	1	1	4	1		1	30	400†		90	
Litchfield, Pres.	E. Newhall,	Sept. 27, 1854.	5	15	20											25	300		120	500
Londonderry, Pres.	Vacant.		54	119	173	Last			year's				report.							
Manchester, 1st ch.	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840.	83	192	275	9	14	23	13		4	17	4	3	7	850	1000		600	24,000
Manchester, 2d ch.	Samuel C. Bartlett,	Nov. 3, 1852.	65	190	255	8	19	27	11		2	13	5	6	11	1000	1200		550	
Manchester, Chr. Miss.	Lyman Marshall,	S.S. April, 1856.	5	25	30	12	1	13	22			22	5	1	6	11	600‡		100	
Merrimack,	Edwin J. Hart,	Jan. 2, 1856.	65	114	179	13	7	20	2		3	5	8	2	10	177 29	700	100	400	1250
11	10		433	971	1404	53	51	104	57	1	20	78	23	18	41					

Without charge—Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent Am. B. Soc.; Harry Brickett, Licentiate, Prin. Mer. Norm. Institute.

Note.—In the report of congregations, some give the average, others the whole number, others neither.

* Entire number of congregation, 250. † $125 from N. H. M. S. ‡ $150 of which from N. H. M. S., and $450 from City Miss. Society.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Alstead, 1st ch.	Samuel G. Tenney,	Stated supply.	20	52	72	1		1								40	00	300		30	90	1425
Alstead, East,	Bezaleel Smith,	June 16, 1852.	42	69	111				9		1	10		7	7	50	00	270		38	125	
Alstead, Paper Mill,	Benjamin Ober,	Stated supply.	6	23	29				1	1		2				28	00	425		24	80	
Chesterfield,			14	39	53	Return			of 1854.													1650
Dublin,	Edward F. Abbott,	Dec. 12, 1855.	10	23	33				3			3				29	31	400		20	75	1088
Fitzwilliam,	John Woods,	Stated supply.	64	100	164	19	7	26	6		4	10	6	4	10	625	00	500			300	1482
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	March 19, 1851.	14	28	42				1			1		1	1	97	00	300		40	100	668
Hinsdale,	Moses H. Wells,	May 1, 1856.	36	60	96	5	7	12	8		3	11	1		1	93	47	700*		68	150	1800
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth,	Dec. 10, 1782.																				
	Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845.	35	103	138									2	2	83	67	500		84	160	1497
Jaffrey, East,	G. W. Adams,	Stated supply.	20	34	54		2	2								274	69	500		35	90	
Keene,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	July 1, 1818.	70	205	275	5	10	15	4		9	13	1	4	5	550	00	700		200	450	3392
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	Stated supply.	32	64	96	1		1			2	2	1	1	2	98	00	320			180	886
Nelson,	Stated supply.		39	51	90				3		1	4				49	00	460		66	130	781
Harrisville,	William G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	19	34	53	1		1	2		1	3	1		1	70	00	400		25	100	
Roxbury,	S. S. Arnold,	Stated supply.	6	14	20																70	266
Stoddard,	Joshua S. Gay,	Stated supply.	6	32	38				4		3	7		3	3	42	58	450†			110	1105
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1846.	38	68	106	1	2	3	4		2	6		1	1	147	54	325		45	150	468
Surry,			2	12	14	Return			of 1854.													556
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood, D.D	Nov. 15, 1836.	22	34	56		1	1						1	1	100	00	325			90	2100
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	16	41	57				2		1	3		2	2	85	00	430		65	125	800
Walpole,	J. M. Stow,	Jan. 31, 1855.	20	72	92		4	4	1		1	2		1	1	110	69	600		55	200	2000
Westmoreland,	Stephen Rogers,	Stated supply.	42	113	155	Return			of 1854.													1677
Westmoreland, Evan.	Oscar Bissell,	May 14, 1856.	7	19	26						1	1						460			100	
Winchester,	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847	60	118	178	2		2	4		2	6	2		2	400	00	600		82	200	2660
24	22		642	1411	2053	35	33	68	52	1	31	84	12	27	39							

Without charge—Rev. Gad Newell, Nelson; Rev. Abraham Jenkins, Fitzwilliam. * Parsonage. † House.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communic'ts.			Addition.			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to minister's support.	Number of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults	Infants.	Total.					
Bath,	Thomas Boutelle,	March 10, 1853.	32	79	111	Former report.										160	600	85	200	1574
Canaan,	Moses Gerould,	Stated supply.	13	24	37	2		2	1			1	1		1	33	300	45	75	2000
Haverhill,	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 9, 1849.	34	110	144		1	1	1		3	4		3	3	375	600	70	215	2400
Haverhill North,	Vacant.		5	10	15	Former report.														
Hanover Centre,	A. H. Cutter,	Nov. 1850.	36	70	106	7		7	1			1	4		4	50	350*		125	2350
Lyme,	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831.	134	236	370	21	1	22	2		4	6	8	1	9	587	600		325	1681
Orford East,	Vacant.		45	43	88	Former report.											400		100	1400
Orford West,	W. A. Smith,	Stated supply.	33	67	100	2	10	12	2		1	3		1	1	130	600*	50	175	
Piermont,	I. S. Davis,	Stated supply.	55	96	151	52	1	53					37	1	38		300		200	948
Wentworth,		Jan. 20, 1832.	10	24	34														150	1147
10	7		397	756	1154	84	13	97	7		8	15	50	6	56					

Without charge—Nathan Lord, D. D., Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Moses Searle. * Parsonage.

Dover,	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1858.	82	283	365	1		1	2		5	7	1	2	3	686	86	1000	156	450	8500
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	Nov 20, 1838.	10	49	59	2		2			1	1	2		2	174	29	650	60	*150	1497‡
Epping,	Vacant. Last year's	report.	19	31	50																
Exeter 1st church,	N. Lasell,	1856.	47	75	122																
Exeter 2d church,	Isaac Hurd, D. D.	Sept. 11, 1819.			110																
	Asa Mann,	Nov. 19, 1851.				13	4	17			1	1	20	40	60	400	00	900	60	200	3500
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852.	9	39	48	3	2	5					1	1	2	175	88	600	44	85	789
Hampton,	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855.	53	122	175	7		7	1		1	2	3	1	4	114	27	800	50	250	1500
Kingston,	John H. Mellish,	1855.	18	50	68		3	3			4	4		1	1			550			1292
Newcastle,	Lucius Alden,	Stated supply.	8	26	34	2		2					2	2	4	15	00			175	890
New Market,	James M. Palmer,	Acting Pastor.	13	24	37						1	1		1	1	20	00	600		125	1937
North Hampton,	Jonathan French, D.D.	Nov. 18, 1800.												1	1						
	John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1852.	72	105	177				1		2	3		1	1	250	00	600	71	275	750
Portsmouth,	Lyman Whiting,	Nov. 1, 1855.	79	231	310	3	7	10	4		8	12	1	4	5	859	96	1500	140	450†	10,000
Rochester,					89																
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	Aug. 4, 1847.	30	70	100						1	1									
Seabrook & Hampton	Falls, Henry A. Armstr	ong, Feb. 13, '56.			68						1	1						525		40	
Salmon Falls, Rollinsf	ord, E. E. Atwater,	Feb. 3, 1852.	24	71	95	3	3	6	5		1	6	2	2	4	129	00	800	250	175	2000
Great Falls,	G. N. Anthony,	1855.	49	120	169	3	10	13	2	2	2	6	2	1	3	828	‖85	850		450	5000
South New Market,	Winthrop Fifield,	Stated supply.	8	14	22									1	1	56	05	400	20	100	650
Stratham,	John M. Steele,	Nov. 30, 1853.	17	36	53						2	2		1	1			600		100	840
21	20		571	1416	2264	38	80	68	15	2	31	48	34	58	92						

* Only an approximation. ‡ Some go out of town to meeting naturally. † As payers of pew-taxes. ‖ Donation of $150.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled.	Communicants.			Addition.			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributed to benevolent objects.	Amount of ministerial support.	Contributors to minister's support.	No of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Acworth,	Vacant.				198															1251
Charlestown,	John P. Wilson,	Stated supply.	13	27	40				3		1	4					450		75	1644
Claremont,	R F. Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1839.	62	142	204		5	5	9		3	12		6	6	$300	700		250	4000
Cornish,	A. Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	31	51	82				3		1	4				63	400	45	90	1606
Croydon,			16	25	41						3	3								861
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D. D.	April 2, 1842.	98	139	237	2		2	7		7	14		2	2	414	825	72	350	2350
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	Stated supply.	20	34	54				1			1				43	300	30	80	659
Langdon,	Edwin Jennison,	Stated supply.	13	28	41	1	1	2	4		1	5	1	1	2					575
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	Nov. 22, 1849.	46	95	141	2	3	5	5		7	12	2	1	3					2136
Lempster,																				906
Lempster 2d church,			10	13	23											10			100	
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	Jan. 8, 1840.	40	68	108	12		12					5	3	8		500			1392
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851.	87	156	243		9	9	5		10	15		7	7	225	700	114	350	2020
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	S. S. 14th year.	7	30	37				1		1	2		2	2					1392
Unity,																				961
Washington,	J. F. Griswold,	Stated supply.	6	28	34						2	2				30	300	20	100	1000
West Lebanon,	Rufus Case,	June 26, 1851.	25	40	65	1	2	3	2		1	3	1		1	236	600		160	2136
17	12		474	876	1548	18	20	38	40		37	77	9	22	31					

Without charge—Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., John N. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover, stated supply at Weathersfield Centre, Vt.; E. T. Rowe, Meriden; Charles B. Haddock, D. D., West Lebanon; Licentiate, C. S. Richards, Meriden.

Pittsfield,	J. Augustine Hood,	Dec. 12, 1854.	55	114	169	5	1	6	6		1	7	3	3	6	251	11	*650	85	175	1850
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	Jan. 1, 1850.	33	58	86	4	2	6	1		1	2	2		2	43		475	65	140	1300
Chichester,	S. M. Blanchard,	Stated supply.	39	68	107						2	2		2	2	55	44	400	60	54	997
Gilmanton Iron Works,	Jairus Ordway,	Stated supply.	47	81	128	7		7			1	1	3		3			400	60	100	3282
Loudon 1st church,	Vacant.		27	59	86						1	1		1	1			350	44	100	1600
Loudon 2d church,	Charles Willey,	Stated supply.	11	31	44	1		1			1	1	1		1	75	00	400	45	80	
Nottingham,	Vacant. No return.	See former	2	2	4																1268
Epsom,	Vacant.	[minutes.	34	66	100																1366
8	5		248	474	724	17	3	20	7		7	14	9	6	15					649	

Without charge—Rufus A. Putnam, Epsom. * With Parsonage.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Antrim,	J. H. Bates,	March, 1853.	55	120	175	3	3	6	4	1	3	8		6	6	$238		500		350	1100
Hancock,	Asahel Bigelow,	May, 1850.	69	129	198	3	1	4	4		2	6	1	1	2	165		500		300	1060
Deering,	J. W. Perkins,	1854.	12	23	35	1	2	3			4	4	1	3	4	23		400	45	140	890
Hillsborough Centre,	S. H. Patridge,	May, 1853.									3	3				35		350	100	150	1685
Hillsborough Bridge,	J. Cummings,	Nov., 1843.	18	33	51		7	7		1	4	5		2	2			310			
Bennington,	J. M. Whiton,	March, 1853.	8	32	40	3		3	2		1	3	1		1	80		250	36	100	600
Greenfield 1st ch.	J. LeBosquet, S. S.	April, '849.	34	69	103		2	2			2	2				62		400	55	150	716
Francestown,	L. Taylor,	Nov., 1851.	100	207	307	6	6	12	8		10	18	1	2	3	549		800	150	500	1143
Greenfield Evangel.	J. McGee,	Acting Pastor.	41	71	112				3		1	4		1	1						
9	9		337	690	1021	16	21	37	21	2	30	53	4	15	19	1800		3510			

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Communicants.	Additions.	Removals.	Baptisms.	Add. by Prof.	Infant Baptisms.	Vacancies.	S. S.	Settled Pastors.
Belknap,	16	11	1221	39	46	31	23	19	4	3	8
Caledonia,	3	2	176							1	1
Suncook,	8	5	724	20	14	15	17	6	3	3	2
Derry,	13	12	1691	84	66	35	56	14	1	3	9
Harmony,	14	8	739	58	61	25	26	10	5	7	1
Hollis,	16	11	3023	61	41	26	14	25	5	1	10
Hopkinton,	20	17	2425	52	77	33	20	25	3	3	14
Lancaster,	4	3	207	22	6	9	2	5	1	2	1
Manchester,	11	10	1404	104	78	41	53	18	1	2	8
Monadnock,	24	22	2053	68	84	39	35	27	2	8	14
Orange,	10	7	1154	97	15	52	84	6	2	2	5
Piscataqua,	21	20	2264	68	48	92	38	58	1	3	17
Sullivan,	17	12	1548	38	77	31	18	22	5	5	7
Union,	9	9	1021	37	53	19	16	15		1	8
14	186	149	19,650	648	666	448	402	250	33	44	105

NOTE.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, who prepared the Pastoral Letter, writes, that he was not aware of his appointment until his return from a journey, a few days after the adjournment of the Association; this was the cause of his delay and of ours in publishing.

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap,	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia,	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Derry,	
Harmony,	Stephen Merrill.
Hollis,	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Ambrose Smith.
Lancaster,	Joseph B. Hill.
Manchester,	T. P. Sawin,
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange,	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua,	Edward Robie.
Sullivan,	Henry Cummings.
Suncook,	Otis Holmes.
Union,	Jonathan McGee.

Plan recommended by the General Association For Benevolent Contributions.

Counties.	*Tract.‡*	*Education*.*	*Home Miss.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Bel. & Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March
Merrimack,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May.
Rockingham,	Aug Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.
Grafton & Coos,	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.

*Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † American and Foreign Christian Union.
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MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at the Congregational Meeting House in Keene on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a *Concio ad Clerum*, by Rev. J. M. C. Bartley of Hampstead, from Col. 3 : 11.

After Sermon, the preacher took the chair. Credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and Foreign Bodies were presented and the following Ministers were found to constitute the General Association :

Associations.	*Delegates.*
Belknap,	Charles Burnham, Daniel Goodhue.
Caledonia,	None.
Derry,	William Page, Charles Tenney.
Harmony,	John H. Merrill, Horace Wood.
Hollis,	Daniel Sawyer, William Clark, Amos W. Burnham.
Hopkinton,	Ambrose Smith, Benj. P. Stone, D. D. Marshall B. Angier.
Lancaster,	None.
Manchester,	E. J. Hart, Lyman Marshall.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey, B. Smith, M. H. Wells, E. Adams.
Orange,	None.
Piscataqua,	Theodore Wells, Lyman Whiting, Alvan Tobey.
Sullivan,	Rufus Case, Jacob Scales, Henry Richardson, Alvah Spaulding.
Suncook,	Jairus Ordway.
Union,	E. C. Cogswell, Asahel Bigelow.
Ex Officio,	J. K. Young, Secretary. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., Pastor of the Church.

Gen. Conf. Maine, J. B. Hadley.
Gen. Asso. Mass. J. G. D. Stearns, John H. Bisbee.
Gen. Convention Vt., John B. Perry.
Gen. Asso. Conn. David L. Parmelee.
Evan. Con. R. I. Joel Mann.
Gen. Asso. Iowa, James P. Kimball.
Gen· Con. of Wisconsin, E. J. Montague.
N. H. Meth. Conf. Mr. Evans.
Gen. Ass. Pres. Ch. N. S., J. Parsons Hovey.
Freew. Bap. Yearly Meet., I. D. Stewart.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. Rufus Case, Moderator, Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Scribe, and Rev. Alvan Tobey, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the Association were read by the Secretary, and prayer for Divine direction was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Clark, Scales and Barstow were appointed a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. Messrs. Kimball of Iowa, Parmelee of Conn., and Hovey of New York were chosen a Committee on the Narratives of the state of religion.

Adjourned till half past 1, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The Secretary presented a communication from the General Convention of Vermont, on printing the Minutes of the several Congregational bodies *in one volume*. On motion, the subject was committed to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. Cummings, Asa Mann, and J. G. Davis.

A communication from the General Conference of Minnesota Territory, requesting fraternal correspondence, was received and read.

The subject of revising the Schedule for returns to this body so as to agree with the recommendations of the Congregational Year Book, was briefly considered and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Lee, A. W. Burnham and J. Woods.

The hour for public exercises having arrived, after singing and prayer by Rev. Mr. Parmelee, reports of the state of religion in the District Associations were made. In the course of the narratives prayer was offered by Rev. B. Smith, followed with remarks by Rev. S. Lee.

Reports were presented by the Delegates from foreign bodies, from the General Conference of Maine, General Convention of Vermont, General Association of Massachusetts, Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, General Association of Connecticut, General Association of Iowa, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., N. H. Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, N. H. Methodist Conference and the General Convention of Wisconsin. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Burnham.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26.

Met as adjourned. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Page.

The Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Rev. J. K. Young, delegate to the General Assembly of the

Presbyterian Church, O. S., assigned reasons for not attending. Rev. E. N. Hidden, delegate to the General Association of New York, reported by letter his attendance and kind reception.

Rev. S. Lee, delegate to the N. S. General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, reported attendance and kind reception.

The resolution of the General Association of Iowa, relating to an amicable separation of Congregational and Presbyterian churches in the Home Missionary work, was discussed and laid on the table.

The following Delegates to Foreign Bodies were appointed:

To the General Conference of Maine—Rev. B. F. Parsons, Primary, Rev. J. H. Merrill, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont—Rev. A. P. Tenney, Primary, Rev. Rufus Case, Substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. W. T. Savage, Primary, Rev. J. G. Davis, Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut—Rev. H. Cummings, Primary, Rev. B. Smith, Substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. Thomas Savage, Primary, Rev. I. Willey, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York—Rev. J. A. Hood, Primary, Rev. Edward Robie, Substitute.

To the General Association of Ohio—Rev. N. Lasell, Primary, Rev. E. E. Atwater, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan—Rev. J. Ordway, Primary, Rev. A. Bigelow, Substitute.

To the General Association of Wisconsin—Rev. A. Spaulding, Primary, Rev. C. Willey, Substitute.

To the General Associations of Illinois and Iowa—Rev. Asa Mann, Primary, Rev. J. Colby, Substitute.

To the General Association of Minnesota—Rev. J. Holmes, Primary, Rev. J. H. Mellish, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S. Rev. A. Richards, Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Substitute.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church—Rev. B. P. Stone, D.D., Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker, Substitute.

To the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. H. A. Kendall Primary, Rev. H. Moody, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Methodist Conference—Rev. R. M. Sargent, Primary, Rev. James Doldt, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Baptist Convention—Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., Primary, Rev. M. Gerould, Substitute.

Rev. Mr. Harding, Secretary of the Congregational Board of Publication, addressed the Association in behalf of that object.

Rev. Mr. Turner presented the claims of the American Tract Society.

Rev. Mr. Langworthy addressed the Association in behalf of the American Congregational Union.

Rev. Mr. Hovey spoke in behalf of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

Rev. L. Whiting addressed the Association in relation to the Whitefield Monument at Exeter.

At 5 minutes before 10 o'clock the Association gave place to the New Hampshire Branch of the American Education Society for one hour. The Society held its anniversary. The Report of the Treasurer, Hon. Samuel Morril, and the Report of the Secretary, Rev. J. Richards, D. D., were presented, and addresses made by Rev. Lyman Whiting, Rev. I. N. Tarbox, and Rev. Geo. P. Tyler.

At 11 o'clock, A. M. the Sabbath School anniversary was held. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. John Woods. Rev. J. H. Merrill, the Secretary, presented the annual Report on Sabbath Schools for the State. The body of the house was filled with Sabbath Scholars and Teachers, who were addressed by Rev. Mr. Monroe, agent of the American Sunday School Union, Rev. A. Bullard, Secretary of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, and Rev. C. W. Wallace, of Manchester. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. Woods.

Association adjourned till half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Met as adjourned.

Rev. H. E. Parker was appointed preacher before the Communion next year, and Rev. E. E. Atwater substitute.

Rev. B. P. Stone, D.D., Rev. H. E. Parker, and Rev. J. K. Young were appointed a Committee to disburse the portion of the Congregational Church building fund appropriated to this State.

The Committee appointed last year on the proportion of the population that neglect public worship, reported, and their report was ordered to be published in the Congregational Journal.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

Rev. A. P. Tenney was re-elected Treasurer, and Rev. N. Bouton, D.D., Auditor. *Voted*, that a tax of 25 cents be assessed on each member of the District Associations.

On the subject of correspondence with the two Presbyterian General Assemblies, it having appeared that the Old School Assembly has withdrawn its correspondence, and the New School Assembly has removed the objections to continued correspondence, it was voted that no further action is required by us.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

esolved, That this Association cordially approve the Report nted by the large and judicious Committee of the American t Society, at its last annual meeting and unanimously adopt- n the subject of its publications in their relation to slavery ; hat we earnestly hope the principles of that Report will be y and rightly carried out in practice.

esolved, That in the judgment of this Association, the decis- f the American Home Missionary Society to exercise a wise etion with regard to aiding churches in which are slave- ng members, is strongly approved by the friends of the So- in this State.

t 2 o'clock, the Association gave place to the New Hamp- Bible Society. After singing and prayer. the Report of tate of the treasury was read by Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., surer, and the Report of the Directors by Rev. I. Willey, etary. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. K. Young and D. J. Noyes, D. D.

ıe Association resumed business. The Committee on the dule and the Committee on Printing the Records of all regational bodies in one volume, presented their reports.— r discussion it was voted, in accordance with the recommen- n of the Committees, that a Statistical Secretary be appoint- y this body.

ev. Dr. Stone, chairman of the Committee on the Narratives, nted the Report, which was read and adopted.

ev. J. Woods presented the Pastoral Letter, which was read ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

ayer was offered by the Moderator.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, AUG. 27, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

et according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

ıe Scribes and Rev. David Kimball were appointed the pub- ıg Committee.

was voted, on the recommendation of the Committee on the and preacher for the next meeting, that the Secretary ap- the place, and Harmony Association furnish the preacher.

oted, That 500 copies of the Minutes be printed.

ev. W. Page and Rev. L. Marshall obtained leave of absence.

he Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

oted, That the thanks of this body be given through the pas- f this church, to the people of this place for their generous itality to us during this meeting.

ev. J. G. Davis was appointed Statistical Secretary.

At the recommendation of Rev. Asa Mann, Rev. Messrs. Tenney, Richardson and Cummings were added to the Committee on the Whitefield Monument.

The resolution of the General Association of Iowa was taken from the table, and after discussion, was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. A. W. Burnham, M. H. Wells and S. Lee, to report next year.

Voted, That our rule, "that the Narratives of the state of religion in our churches be written and brief," be strictly adhered to.

At 10 o'clock the Association gave place to the N. H. Missionary Society.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Langworthy, the Report was presented by Rev. Dr. Stone, and addresses made by Rev. L. Whiting and Rev. W. Clark.

A Report respecting an increased efficiency for Home Missions was presented by Rev. L. Whiting and adopted.

Rev. Messrs. Parmelee of Conn. and Hovey of New York, were appointed to officiate at the Communion.

Adjourned to a quarter past 1 o'clock.

Met as adjourned.

Voted, That the necessary expenses of the Statistical Secretary in the performance of his duties be defrayed by the Association.

Rev. Messrs. J. G. Davis, N. Bouton, D. D. and J. K. Young were appointed a Committee to report next year, on the proper treatment of those members who, after long absence and location near other sister churches, decline to remove their membership.

The Sermon before Communion was preached by Rev. C. W. Wallace, from Heb. 11 : 16, and the Sacrament was administered by Rev. Messrs. Parmelee and Hovey.

Afterwards the Moderator having led in thanksgiving to God, the Association adjourned, *sine die*.

RUFUS CASE, *Moderator*.

J. P. HUMPHREY, *Scribe*.

ALVAN TOBEY, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

During the past year, God has greatly increased our obligations to remember him, both with submission and gratitude. By his holy providence he has taught us ministers that what we have to do for him and his kingdom, we should do quickly; for the night of death cometh when no man can work. Since our last convocation, three among our venerated fathers have departed this life—Rev. Jonathan French, D. D., of North Hampton, Rev. Isaac Hurd, D. D., of Exeter, and Rev. John M. Whiton, D. D. of Bennington.

The reports from the several District Associations mention many cheering instances of the Divine presence and mercy with the churches during the year. Seasons of special religious interest, of more or less extent, have been enjoyed in the churches in Candia, Auburn, Laconia, Pittsfield, Northwood, Nashua, Concord 1st and South churches, Hopkinton, Pembroke, Raymond, Canterbury, Sanbornton Bridge, Troy, Walpole, Portsmouth, New Market, 1st and Belknap churches in Dover, Claremont, West Lebanon, 1st church in Greenfield, Lyndeborough, and New Boston. As the result of these visitations of the Holy Spirit, 555 have been added to the churches on profession of their faith in Christ. Though a large majority of the hopeful converts are Sabbath School children, yet many among them are youths and heads of families. The number added to the churches by letter is 403, making the whole number of additions 958. The whole number of deaths, exclusions and removals by letter, is 712, leaving on the average, an increase of 242. The whole number of communicants in the churches reported, including last year's report from Orange and Caledonia Associations, is 18,845. Two new churches have been organized, viz.: the Belknap church in Dover, and the 2d church in Great Falls. Both of the churches hold out encouragement of increase and great usefulness. Sabbath Schools are a fixture in all our churches. During the year they have as a class, been attended with unusual interest and encouragement.

The cause of Christian benevolence, it is believed, has made some advance among the churches. The total amount raised is reported at 30,240 dollars, which is about $1,62 for each member. Less allusion than formerly was made in the reports to the depleting effects of emigration on the numbers and strength of the churches, though it is well known that the tide is still flowing Westward with little or no abatement. But though it may diminish and discourage many of the churches in the agricultural towns, it should be a matter of rejoicing with us, that what we lose from this cause is the gain and prosperity of others.

Our College is represented to be in a prosperous condition. This venerable Institution is worthy of a larger place in the affections and prayers of all who value a sanctified learning as essential to the welfare of Church and State. Seven professed religion here the past year.

The cause of Temperance, we regret to learn, is not as prosperous as has been our hope and desire. We have good theory enacted into a law on the subject of suppressing the evils of the liquor traffic; but for the practice there is a lack. In a few instances, however, the law has been put in force; and in others, the fear of it has somewhat restrained the wicked; but on the whole, the heart of the people quails before a perverted public opinion.

The General Conference of Maine, the General Associations of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Iowa, the General Convention of Vermont, the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, the New Hampshire General Meeting of the Freewill Baptists, the New Hampshire Methodist Conference and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., each

presented us their salutations by their delegates. A letter was received from the General Association of Minnesota, soliciting the relation to us of a corresponding body.

Upon the whole, the year past has been one of more mercies than judgments, calling us to bow before the Great Head of the church in thanksgiving and in humble reliance upon Him for strength and grace for every duty and providence, and remembering that he will soon say to us all, if found obedient to the end, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord." BENJ. P. STONE, For the Com.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Written by Rev. J. Wrods, Fitzwilliam.

[The writer was aware that the length of the article would be an objection; but by vote of the Association, it is given to the Publishing Committee entire.

BELOVED BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

As we come up yearly to these heights of Zion, and look over our fields of labor, we wish to inquire affectionately for your spiritual welfare. Do your souls prosper? Are you walking in the fear of the Lord and comforts of the Holy Ghost? Almost every year some of the watchmen are summoned to their last account; and wide ravages are made among their flocks. If death is so near, and daily drawing nearer, and if, at death, we are hoping to receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, and to join the Church of the Firstborn, whose names are written in heaven, is it not high time that we awake out of sleep? Blessed are those servants whom their Lord when he cometh shall find watching. But wo to him that slumbereth in that day. There is much to be done, and a perishing world needs your prayers, your contributions, your efforts, your influence. Ye are designed to be the light of the world. If your light be hid, or becomes darkness, it is a darkness which the light of the ministry, and even of the Bible, although it be clear as the sun, can hardly dissipate. Zion's prosperity, and the salvation of perishing sinners, for whom Christ died, depend very much on the lives of those professing godliness.

In former years we have addressed you on personal piety, individual responsibility and other important duties. We wish at this time to be permitted to enter your dwellings, and to speak with you kindly of some of those intimate and endearing relations which constitute the Family Circle — relations in which some of the most important duties and richest enjoyments of life, lie — relations which God our Creator and Christ our Redeemer have often employed to represent their infinite love and kindness to us, and in which the people of God may find more of heaven begun below than in all the world beside. Christian Families are the little fountains from which issue these rills of salvation which form that river, on both sides of which grow the trees of life which yield their fruit every month, and whose leaves, as they are scattered abroad, are for the healing of the nations. Make these fountains pure, and the stream will be pure, and every thing where these waters come shall live. On the other hand, disturb, pollute, poison these fountains, and the river of life becomes the river of death.

With the example of inspired Apostles before our eyes, you will not

expect us to apologize for addressing you in relation to family duties. Their example not only warrants, but instructs us in our duty towards you. Why they always addressed the inferior before the superior relation, we do not understand, unless it were tacitly to check the natural austerity of the superior towards the inferior, for which there may have been special cause when addressing churches recently gathered from heathen despotism and barbarity. But one thing is plain: the Bible every where makes love the golden chain that should bind together the different members of a family and all to the throne of God; thus rendering families not only nurseries of the great Family above, but little miniature likenesses also.

Without regarding the examples alluded to, as binding, or supposing the same cause now to exist, we think there can be no harm if we follow the same order; and first of all, remind WIVES of their high position and great responsibility. We regard the Wife as the presiding angel in the family, holding the first place in influence, if not in authority; because more constantly present, and more intimately connected with all the springs of joy and sorrow. No hand like hers can pour the healing balm of friendship into a wounded spirit. No voice like hers can cheer a desponding heart, restrain a wayward footstep, or calm a ruffled mind. With the concurrence and coöperation of her husband, it is hers to "guide the house," and make home sweet, attractive and safe to all the inmates of the family. A lack on her part cannot be easily supplied. A mistake or fault, though covered with a mantle of charity, muddies a fountain which should be kept pure.

Where the Bible is unknown, woman is but little better than a slave. Christianity elevates her to a sphere of great usefulness and respectability. Although subject to her husband, it is no servile subjection. She is his companion and helpmeet, not to bear his burdens, but to lighten them, and to share his joys and sorrows. She has rights, divinely given, and inalienable, which we would not have her surrender, nor see wrested from her; but they are not in the Town-meeting, nor hall of legislation, nor arena of public debate and controversy; but in the quiet of home, the warm affections of her family and the clear sunlight of heaven. It is her right, first of all to be exceedingly lovely, and them to be loved by her husband, even as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. Moving noiselessly along in her proper sphere, she will secure to herself the enjoyment of these rights more effectually and surely than in any other way. Nay, she cannot fail to do it, unless like one of old, she happens to be connected with a son of Belial, whom neither wisdom nor kindness can tame. (1 Sam. 25: 17.) In that case we can only say, "Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he will sustain thee."

Next we say to HUSBANDS, "Love your wives and be not bitter against them." Reason, duty, the word of God, your own interest and happiness, together with your marriage covenant — more than a thousand-fold cord — bind you to do it. He that loveth not his wife injures himself. Few husbands — none, we trust, whom we address — knowingly and intentionally trample upon these obligations. But many, we fear, fail to show that sympathy and kindness to which the fee-

ble and care-worn wife is justly entitled. They return from their toil, it may be, weary and perplexed and forget that their wives may have been as heavily burdened as themselves. Jesus, whom husbands should imitate, does not break the bruised reed, but tenderly binds it up. Every husband, who is worthy the name and relation, had rather suffer pain or grief himself than inflict it upon his wife. But some, not considering the consequences, make home the place to give vent to every trouble that crosses their path – every excited feeling that disturbs their minds. The restraints, which self-respect had imposed abroad, are removed at home; and innocence and feebleness, already crushed with care, are made to bear burdens which belong not to them. A far better remedy is provided in the word of God—"Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." This would preserve the domestic circle in peace and quietness, and pour joy, instead of grief, into bosoms which often bleed in silence.

Husband and wife together constitute the social head of the family; and have rightful jurisdiction over "all within their gates." God has committed the government of the household into their hands, and they cannot surrender it without a breach of trust. Although twain, they are one; and their joint authority and influence, like the shining of the two wicks of a lamp, should be known only by an increase of light. There is an end of family government, when a child, rebuked or chastened by one parent, can take shelter under the wings of the other.

Well regulated Christian Families are the nurseries of the church, and the hope of the world. The grand design of Heaven, in the Family Constitution, is to "seek a godly seed." It is in such families that religion appears in its loveliest garb; and if angels find, on earth, any thing to attract and prolong their stay, it is in families where parents and children are found walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. This is an age of light, and we boast of great improvements; but in respect to family government, and the religious training of children, we have painful evidence of a sad declension from the piety and diligence of our Puritan ancestors. A return to the good old way, of an early consecration to God, followed by religious instruction from the old New England Primer, or something of the kind, we should hail as a daystar of hope to Zion. God has not changed. He still has respect to his covenant, and is not slack concerning his promises. But if the seal, the ratifying token of his covenant is withheld, he accounts the covenant broken. (Gen. 17 : 14.) Our children, not less than those of former ages, need a Protector and Savior. Christ is that good Shepherd who "gathereth the lambs with his arm and carrieth them in his bosom." He was much displeased, when his disciples forbade their being brought to him. Such as are brought to him by believing parents, he receives. They belong to his fold. To them pertain the promises of both Testaments. "The just man's children are blessed after him." (Prov. 20 : 7) "The promise is to you and your children." (Acts 2 : 39.) Tho connexion that existed between parents and children under the Old Testament is not broken up under the New. They that are Christ's are Abraham's seed, and heirs of the same blessings.

We wish for no superstitious, nor unmeaning and heartless ceremony. But the relation, that we and our children sustain to God, is not a natural but a constituted relation; and the covenant, by which it was constituted, is an everlasting covenant. (Gen. 17 : 19.) But covenants, if not ratified by seals, are worthless. The *terms* of the covenant, and the seals are both of God's ordaining. Whom he includes in his covenant, we have no right to leave out. His covenant with believing parents certainly does include their offspring; and, although we are not literally Abraham's seed, yet the blessing of Abraham has come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ. When the original seal, which pointed to an atoning Redeemer became inappropriate, he who instituted, changed it for one indicative of the work of the Spirit, and

> "Water seals the blessing now,
> That once was sealed with blood."

It is a beautiful, nay more, a very significant, impressive and solemn scene, when Christ's little ones, the children of the covenant, are brought to the sanctuary in the arms of parental faith and love, and consecrated to the Triune God, at the very commencement of an endless existence. The infant Jesus was brought thus early to the temple; and shall we not allow our children to be thus early imitators of him?

But a covenant involves obligations as well as promises: and unless the vow be performed, it had better not have been made. Children given up to God, and marked with the seal of his gracious covenant, should be diligently trained up for him. They are by nature children of wrath even as others; and must have what is symbolized by baptism — the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, or they cannot be saved. But what God does, he ordinarily does by appropriate means. And what means can be more appropriate than parental fidelity? Begin, therefore, early. Consecrate, govern, instruct, restrain, and if occasion require, chasten. Pray with and for them. Write God's laws upon your door-posts and gates. Talk of them in the house and by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up. Enforce precept by example. See that they do not profane God's holy day. Take them with you to the house of prayer and have them under your eye. Rely not upon Sabbath School Teachers to do for them what God requires of you. Let them see and feel that their parents are deeply interested for their spiritual welfare — are more anxious that they should have a treasure in heaven than on earth. When the minister visits you, gather your children about you, that they may have the benefits of his instructions. Lay before him a Bible and let him understand that you are all present before God to hear his word and learn his will. When he kneels to pray, do you and your children kneel. A reverent posture becometh sinful creatures; and the minister will not feel, as some have often felt, as if he alone were addressing the throne of divine mercy. Encourage free Christian intercourse between your children and your minister. Let him understand that you regard the lambs of the flock a part of his charge as much as yourselves; and they are not to be fed while skipping upon the mountains, but "beside the shepherd's tent." The moulding of their pliant

minds, and the formation of their early habits are chiefly in your hands. It depends mainly on you, how they shall spend their leisure hours — what company they shall frequent — what books they shall read — what religious instruction they shall receive. Be faithful unto death, and God will crown your labors with his blessing. Should your children become disobedient, wayward and wicked, it will not be because God is unfaithful. Eternity will reveal the fact that there was some important error or deficiency on your part. Eli was a good man, but in the government of his family he sadly failed; and he stands on the page of history as a fearful warning to other parents to the end of time.

The responsibility of parents is too great for finite minds to comprehend. It cannot be too deeply felt. Let it be your daily prayer to Almighty God, that he would give you wisdom and grace according to your need, that you may so command your children and household after you, that you may not only be clear of their blood, but that they may keep the way of the Lord, and that you, at the last great day may have the happiness of appearing before your God and Judge, saying, "Lord, here are we and the children thou hast given us." It surely must be a blessing worth long striving for. If success be delayed and labor seem to be in vain, be not discouraged. It may be only to try your faith. Some forty years ago, a pious father and worthy minister of Jesus Christ in this State, who has long since rested from his labors, had a son that became intemperate. The other children were all hopefully pious. This son was often warned, exhorted and entreated. Much fervent prayer was offered for him, but apparently all in vain. He became very reckless. His father's health at length began to decline, and he was evidently drawing near the grave. But he had strong faith in God's covenant. I shall yet live, he would say, to see that child a christian; and it was according to his faith. The last time he ever sat at the Lord's table on earth, that son sat by his side, "clothed and in his right mind." He then said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation;" and soon he fell asleep in Jesus.

Before we close we wish to address a few words to the children of the church. "Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord." Ye are the children of the covenant; and the covenant is not man's, but God's. He made and ordained it through his Son as our Advocate and Saviour. By its gracious arrangements, you inherit a birthright of inestimable value, more to be prized than heirship to an earthly throne. But it may be forfeited and lost. If your parents are faithful in their duty, and if you are obedient and dutiful children, the blessing is sure. There is no power in earth or hell that can wrest it from you. The channel of God's mercy reaches to a thousand generations, unless it be obstructed by unfaithfulness in the parents, or stubbornness in the children. Your parents have given you up to God, according to the tenure of his covenant, and have solemnly vowed, before God and the world, that they will bring you up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. By so doing they have expressed their strong desires that you may be chil-

dren of God, baptized by his Spirit, and made heirs of his kingdom. By this act, and to this end also, they have engaged the prayers and efforts of the Church. Thus a most wise and appropriate provision has been made to secure for you a careful and thorough religious education and training in the school of Christ. When your Creator committed you to their care he wisely required them to give bonds, that you should be brought up for him. Did he not do right? was he not seeking your good? But these things alone will not save you. You can be truant and headstrong if you will; and your adversary the devil is ever ready to take advantage of any wayward inclination to lead you on in the road to death. For this cause, if no other, it is highly important that you be strongly fortified against temptation with the thought that you are the Lord's. He claims you. Your parents have given you to him. Christ's mark is upon you. You must keep with his flock, however small or despised. They have a great and good Shepherd, and he will surely lead them into green pastures and beside still waters. But the forests and mountains and by-ways are full of wild beasts and robbers, and dangerous pit-falls and precipices. We entreat you, dear children, forsake not the God of your fathers, but say to them, "thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Come to Christ now while young. Give him your hearts. He bids you come. In his hands you are safe, but nowhere else. Ratify what your parents have done for you, by subscribing with your own hand to the Lord. If you do not, you nullify your consecration and practically say you will not be the Lords; you break the bonds by which God and your parents have bound you, and take hasty strides in the road to death. We would persuade you to a wiser and safer course. You enjoy privileges which the children of aliens and strangers from the commonwealth of Israel do not enjoy. If not improved they will soon be taken from you. If you leave the family altar with unrenewed hearts, your temptations and dangers will be greatly increased; and if you continue impenitent, and die in your sins, your mis-improved privileges will become like millstones of wrath to sink you below Sodom and Gomorrah in the pit of wo. We entreat you, therefore, dear children of the covenant, be not stout-hearted, but listen to the voice of mercy. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. He hath never said to the seed of Jacob, Seek ye my face in vain. The promises he hath made concerning the seed of his believing people he is faithful to perform. He has loved you and taken you into a covenant relation to himself for your parents' sake. (Rom. 11: 28.) When you shall have chosen this God as your God you will be beloved for your own sakes, and, like them, in your turn, will leave an inheritance to children's children. (Prov. 13: 22.)

"Thus to the parents and their seed
Shall his salvation come,
Till numerous households meet at last
In one eternal home."

Children of the covenant, fail not to meet God's people there.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE

In account with ASA P. TENNEY, Treasurer—Cr.

1856	Associations.	am't received.	Associations.	Am't received.
Aug.	Belknap,	$3,50	Harmony,	$3,00
	Hopkinton,	5,00	Union,	2,25
	Suncook,	2,50	Caledonia,	1,25
	Monadnock,	7,50	Orange,	2,50
	Hollis,	5,00	Manchester,	2,25
Ap. 1857.	Piscataqua,	4,00	Sullivan,	3,50
	By balance on last account,			15,81
			Amount received,	58,06

DR.

Dec. 19. 1856. To paid Rev. David Kimball's account for printing Minutes, postage on do. &c. $39,50

Aug. 21. 1857. To paid McFarland & Jenks for printing Circulars, - - - - - 2,50

To paid Dr. Stone's Bill for Postage, - 2,00

Amount paid out, 44,00

Balance on hand, 14,06

I hereby certify that I have examined and cast the account of Rev. A. P. Tenney, Treasurer of N. H. Gen. Asso. and that there is a balance in his hands of fourteen dollars and six cents.

N. BOUTON, Auditor.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Treasurer reports as follows :

June 3, 1857. 11 shares in Northern Railroad, cost $1190 00

Received Dividends, interest, &c. and 1 dollar each from the following clergymen :—Rev. Messrs. W. Fifield, L. Whiting, T. Wells, J. Colby, H. O. Howland, E. Buxton, H. Moody, H. A. Kendall, A. Smith, C. Curtice, W. T. Savage, J. K. Young, C. Shedd, W. R. Jewett, R. M. Sargent, E. E. Atwater, A. Tobey, H. A. Lounsbury, J. Cummings, B. F. Parsons, J. H. Mellish, A. Mann, E. Chapman, J. Dinsmore, G. N. Anthony, E. Roby. The following have made a second payment of $1 each—W. Fifield, T. Wells, J. Colby.

The above, including the contributions at the meetings of the General Association and Pastoral Convention, amounted to $1832 16

June 1856. $25 were appropriated to the following widows :—Betsey Hull, Sarah F. Abbott, Mrs. Stears, Mrs Dow, Abby Lawton, Mary Pillsbury. $150,00.

June, 1857. $20 were appropriated to Mrs. Hull, and $25 each to Mrs. Stearns, Mrs. S. F. Abbott, Mrs. French, Mrs. Pillsbury, and Mrs. Lawton.—$145.

The balance in the Treasury at this time is $519,57 and 11 shares in the Northern Railroad. The above sum includes a contribution from the ladies of Exeter of $22,50, and other income received since the account was audited in June.

The preceding account has been condensed from the detailed report of the Treasurer, F. N. FISK, of Concord.

[A star in the column of communicants indicates a former report.]

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION. I.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled or employed.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms.			Contributions		Contributors minis. support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Benevolent objects.	Ministerial support.			
Alton,	Vacant.		2	7	*9												$450	30	75	1795
Barnstead,	Enos George.	P. Sept. 26, 1804.	85	112	197	2		2	2		7	9	2	5	7					1848
Bridgewater,	Vacant.		5	8	*13															667
Bristol,	John Clark.	s.s. April, 1857.	28	54	82		5	5	5		3	8		3	3	85 83	400*		100	1100
Campton,	Vacant.		27	60	87		2	2	2		4	6				65 00	500	40	100	1439
Centre Harbor,	Almon Benson.	P. Dec. 23, 1841.	10	23	33	3		3	2		1	3	2	2	4		350			
Danbury,	Daniel Goodhue.	P. March 2; 1855.	22	27	49	4		4	2		1	3	4		4		400*			
Gilmanton Centre,	Roger M. Sargent.	P. April 27, 1852.	54	73	127		5	5	5		5	10				72 00	500*	74	125	3282
Gilmanton East,	Abel Manning.	s.s. March 26 1857.	14	24	38														60	
			13	17	30											10 00	100	25	90	800
CO Groton and Hebron,	Liba Conant.	s.s. 1843.	9	22	31		3	3								15 00	185	18	150	550
Laconia,	John K. Young.	P. Nov. 30, 1831.	53	135	188	8	3	11	1		4	5	3	6	9	220 00	600	95	200	1800
Meredith,	Charles Burnham.	P. Jan. 8, 1857.	18	44	62	3	6	9	1			1				74 40	550	44	175	1800
Plymouth,	William R. Jewett.	P. June 25, 1845.	39	100	139	5	1	6	1	1	1	3	4	1	5	300 00	550	72	210	1290
Sanbornton,	James Boutwell.	P. June 25, 1852.	46	93	139	5		5		1	1	2	2	5	7	83 00	500	60	140	2800
Thornton,	Vacant.		3	6	9															
16	11	P. 8.—s.s. 3.—v. 4	428	815	1233	30	25	55	21	2	27	50	17	22	39	927 28				

Without charge—Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton; Enoch Corser, Boscawen.

* and Parsonage.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. II. (From last year's report.)

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled or employed.	Communic'ts. Males.	Females.	Total.	Additions Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removals. Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Baptisms Adults	Infants.	Total.	Contributions Benevolent objects.	Ministerial support.	Contributors mins. support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
Bethlehem, }	Thomas Hall.	s.s. 1855.	13	21	34												225	21	100	950
Franconia, }			4	10	14											16	175		125	584
Littleton,	Vacant.		32	96	128											125	600	100	180	2100
3	1	P. 0.—s.s. 1.—v. 1.	49	130	176															

DERRY ASSOCIATION. III.

Atkinson,	Jesse Page.		1846. s.s.	30	67	97	1		1	4		3	7	6	5	11		300	40	150	600
Auburn,	James Holmes.	P.	Dec. 5, 1849.	16	37	53	11	1	12	4		1	5	6		6	48 80	400	56	106	810
Candia,	William T. Herrick.	P.	July 5, 1854.	101	164	265	20	1	21	4		7	11	11		11	270	700	80	200	1483
Chester,	Harrison O. Howland.	P.	Aug. 12, 1857.	65	140	205	2		2	4		3	7	1	2	3	325	700	90	275	1303
Deerfield,	Uzal W. Condit.	P.	1855.	47	75	*122											50	600*			2023
Derry, 1st Church,	Ephraim N. Hidden.	s.s.	1857.	84	166	*250											458	800*,			
Derry, 1st Cong. Ch.	Ebenezer G. Parsons.	P.	Oct. 1, 1851.	34	91	125	6	2	8	3		2	5				157 36	550	65	160	1950
Hampstead,	John M. C. Bartley.	P.	Oct. 12, 1856.	25	61	86	1		1	2		3	5	1		1	105	450*		200	870
Pelham,	John E. Farwell.	s.s.	1856.	20	60	80	1		1					1	4	5	261 19	650		200	1071
Plaistow,	Charles Tenney.	s.s.	1854.	28	64	92	3	2	5	1			1	1	7	8	150	700		125	
Raymond,	D. B. Bradford.	P.	Dec. 5, 1855.	63	90	153	24	1	25	6	1	2	9	8	1	9	37	600	70	180	1200
Salem,	William Page.	P.	Dec. 1, 1853.	16	39	55	2		2					2	6	8	41 16	500		110	1555
Windham,	Loren Thayer.	P.	Nov. 5, 1845.	50	81	131	1		1	1			1		2	2	200	500	75	230	818
13	13	P. 9.—s.s. 4.		579	1135	1714	72	7	79	29	1	21	51	37	27	64					

HARMONY ASSOCIATION. IV.

Conway,	Reuben Kimball.	Feb. 1856. s.s.	23	60	83	5	6	11	3		1	4	1		1	113		500			217*	1767
Effingham,	Vacant.		5	18	23	1		1														1251
Farmington,	Daniel D. Tappan.	Oct. 1852. s.s.	10	27	37				2			2		2	2	107	30	500		64	112	2000
Milton,	James Doldt.	1848. s.s.	24	55	79						1	1									175	1700
Moultonboro', 1st ch.	Vacant.		16	17	*33																	1748
Moultonboro', 2d ch.	Vacant.		11	20	*31																	
North Wolfboro',	Stephen Merrill.	1851. s.s.	19	33	52						1	1				50		350				
Ossipee,	Horace Wood.	May, 1848. s.s.	27	44	71		2	2	1	1	3	5				130					90	2128
Sandwich Corner,	Vacant.		13	23	36						3	3										2577
Sandwich North,	Vacant.		8	16	24																	
Tamworth,	John H. Merrill.	Aug. 17, 1853. P.	58	106	164	4		4	2	1	11	14	2	3	5	149	50				175	1766
Tuftonborough,	Vacant.		4	8	12																	1305
Wakefield,	Marvin Leffingwell.	March 15, 1856. s.s.	8	24	32						1	1				26		600			125	1500
Wolfborough,	Sumner Clark.	June, 1856. s.s.	19	40	59	3		3			1	1				74	35				120	2038
14	8	P. 1.—s.s. 7.—v. 6.	245	491	736	13	8	21	8	2	22	32	3	5	8	650	15					

Without charge—Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth; Rev. Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield; Rev. Joshua Dodge, Moultonborough.

* Conway minister preaches in two places. Congregation in one place, 95; in the other, 122.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION. V.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled or employed.	Communic'ts.			Addition.			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributions				Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Benevolent objects.	Minister's support.	No. contrib. min. support.	No. of congregation.	
Amherst,	Josiah G. Davis,	P. May 22, 1844.	79	207	286	2	1	3	8		5	13	2	5	7	749	700	50	385	1650
Brookline,	Thomas P. Sawin,	P. Dec. 11, 1856.	15	29	44		3	3			2	2				118 33	700		125	718
Hollis,	Pliny B. Day,	P. July 7, 1852.	77	137	214	3		3	1		3	4	1	3	4	600	800	135	400	1292
Mason,	Daniel Goodwin,	s.s. 1857.	50	62	112		2	2	1		1	2		2	2		450		140	1626
Mason Village,	Samuel J. Austin,	P. Feb. 25, 1857.	69	27	96	6	3	9	1		2	3					700		150	
Merrimack South,	Daniel Sawyer,	s.s. May 29, 1853.	13	31	44		1	1			1	1				16 50	400	50	80	1250
Milford,	Ephraim N. Hidden,	P. Nov. 21, 1849.			303	2	2	4	13		5	18	2	2	4	560	800		500	2400
Nashua, Olive st.	Austin Richards,	P. April 6, 1836.			420	2	11	13	11		3	14					1000		450	
Nashua, 1st ch.	Charles J. Hill,	P. Jan. 21, 1857.	86	328	414	12	10	22	4		5	9	8	4	12	1630	1200	all	400	11,000
Nashua, Pearl st.	Vacant.		46	133	179	6	10	16	4		2	6	2	2	4	469	1500		500	
New Ipswich, 1st ch.	Samuel Lee,	P. May 5, 1836.	82	162	244		3	3	4	1	1	6		2	2		700		250	1857
New Ipswich, 2d ch.	William Russell,	P. June 25, 1856.	25	48	73	2	2	4			5	5	2	2	4	140	700	30	150	
Mont Vernon,	Charles E. Lord,	P. Feb. 11, 1857.	46	89	135	4		4	5		5	10				175	650	60	300	800
Rindge,	Amos W. Burnham,	P. Nov. 14, 1821.	85	156	241	1	2	3	10		9	19		3	3	350	500	90	350	1274
Temple,	George Goodyear,	P. April 25, 1855.	32	69	101		5	5	3		1	4				150	500		150	579
Wilton East,	William Jordan,	s.s. 1857.			84															
16	15	P. 12.—s s. 3.—v. 1.	705	1478	3090	40	55	95	65	1	50	116	17	25	42					

Without charge—Humphrey Moore, D.D., Milford; **Erastus M. Kellogg, John W. Shepard, Milan C. Stebbins, Licentiate, Nashua; William Clark, Amherst; Noah Emerson, Leonard Jewett, James Hills, Hollis; John E. B. Jewett, East Jaffrey; Walter Follett, Temple.**

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION. VI.

Andover,	Vacant.			5	7	12																
Boscawen East,	Ambrose Smith,	P.	June 15, 1853.	55	89	144	1	6	7	5		5	10	1	5	6	300	600	75	250	2063
Boscawen West,	Edward Buxton,	P.	Dec. 12, 1837.	59	92	151	8		8			4	4	1	1	2		450	63	200	
Bradford,	Carey Russell,	s.s.	1854.	15	36	51	2	2	4			1	1				17	335			1400
Canterbury,	Howard Moody,	P.	Nov. 22 1843.	43	78	121	9	1	10	9		3	12	5	2	7		500		225	
Concord East,	Henry A. Kendall,	P.	June 26, 1841.	32	70	102	2		2	1		1	2	1		1	132	400			)
Concord 1st ch.	Nathaniel Bouton, D.D.	P.	March 23, 1825.	63	196	259	12	5	17	3		3	6	2	4	6	684	900	120	350	12,-
Concord South,	Henry E. Parker,	P.	May 14, 1851.	99	203	302	29	13	42	12			12	9	7	16	720	1000		450	000
Concord West,	Asa P. Tenney,	P.	April 23, 1833.	66	129	195	2		2	1		3	4	1	1	2					)
Fisherville,	Albert W. Fiske,	P.	May 20, 1857.	24	43	67		1	1	1		1	2					500	40	150	
Franklin,	William T. Savage,	P.	Sept. 4, 1849.	25	87	112	7	2	9	1			1	4	5	9	118	650		250	1251
Henniker,	Joseph M. R. Eaton,	P.	Feb. 26, 1851.	50	115	165		2	2	2		3	5		4	4	400	500	75	200	1690
Hill,	Vacant.																				
Hopkinton,	Marshall B. Angier,	P.	June 8, 1853.	58	137	195	15	3	18	2		1	3	9	12	21	400	600		250	2200
Northfield & San. Br.	Corban Curtice,	P.	Oct. 5, 1843.	39	93	132	12	4	16	2	2		4	10	1	11	110	600		250	
Pembroke,	Lewis Goodrich,	P.	May 13, 1857.	35	96	131	11	10	21	7		2	9	4	2	6	160	600	100	275	1700
Salisbury,	Vacant.			24	61	*85											70	500	55	150	1228
Warner,	Vacant.			34	83	*117											147	500	20	125	2038
Wilmot,	Vacant.			12	18	*30															1272
19	14	P. 13.—s.s. 1.—v. 5.		738	1633	2371	110	49	159	46	2	27	75	47	44	91					

Without charge—Ebenezer Price, William Patrick, Boscawen; Benj. P. Stone, D.D., Concord.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. VII. (Numbers from last year's report.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled or employed.	Communic'ts. Male.	Female.	Total.	Addition. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removals. Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Baptisms Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Contributions Benevolent objects.	Minister's support.	No. Contrib. min. support.	No. of congregation	Population of the town.
Colebrook & vicinity,	Vacant.																250	60	80	900
Dalton,	Isaac Esty,	s.s. July, 1857.	8	20	28												150	15	175	807
Lancaster,	Prescott Fay,	P. Feb. 27, 1856.	16	79	95												650	66	175	1700
Stewartstown & vicin.	Joseph B. Hill,	s.s. July 1, 1857.	11	17	28															747
4	3	P. 1.—s.s. 2.—v. 1.	52	155	209															

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION. VIII.

Bedford, Pres. ch.	Thomas Savage,	P. 1826.	46	102	148		2	2	3		4	7		5	5	500	600	60	300	1400
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	P. July 8, 1830.	29	76	105	3		3			3	3				320	470	60	160	915
Goffstown,	John W. Ray,	s.s. 1857.	37	73	110	1	1	2	2			2	1		1	151	700	100	225	2000
Hudson,	Daniel L. French,	s.s. Nov. 1852.	20	40	60	7	1	8	5		2	7	4		4	30	*125		100	1400
Hooksett,	William A. Fobes,	P. Nov. 8, 1855.	9	31	40	2	2	4	3		1	4	1		1	60	500	39	100	1503
Litchfield, Pres. ch.	Ebenezer Newhall,	P. Sept. 27, 1854.	5	13	18						4	4				41	300	10	140	500
Londonderry, Pres. ch.	Vacant.		57	109	166	4		4	2		2	4	1	1	2	164 24	680	73	275	1731
Manchester 1st ch.	Cyrus W. Wallace,	P. Jan. 8, 1840.	88	217	305	14	16	30	9	1	1	11	8	2	10	1150	1200	Pew	600	23,-
Manchester 2d ch. †	Vacant.		57	179	236	5	17	22	22	1	3	26				800	1200	rent.	500	000
" Chris. Miss. ch.	Lyman Marshall,	s.s. April, 1856.	8	29	37	6	4	10	1		2	3	2	4	6	80	600	‡	150	
Merrimack,	Edwin J. Hart,	P. Jan. 1, 1856.	57	109	166	10	3	13	3		4	7	4	9	13	190 77	700		250	1350
11	10	P. 7.—s.s. 3.—v. 1.	413	978	1391	52	46	98	50	2	26	78	21	21	42	3437,01	7075	1000	2800	33,799

Without charge—Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent American Bible Society.

* Probably $400; of which $125 is from N. H. Miss. Society. Mr. French reported *only* $125.

† Aaron C. Adams settled July 22, 1857. ‡ $150 from N. H. Miss. Society, and $450 from the City Mission Society.

Alstead 1st ch.					10	25	35				4		3	7					300	29	75	)	
Alstead East,	Bezaleel Smith,	P.	June 16, 1852.		42	68	110						1	1				60	370	38	100	1475	
Alstead, Paper Mill,					9	18	27				2	1	1	4				14	400	30	70	)	
Chesterfield,				about	7	33	40						1	1									1680
Dublin,	Edward F. Abbott,	P.	Dec. 12, 1855.		16	22	38	3	1	4	2		1	3	3	1	4	23 57	400	20	65	1088	
Fitzwilliam,	John Woods,	s.s.		1854.	65	99	164	6	3	9	4		5	9	2	6	8	460	500	50	300	1482	
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	P.	March 19, 1851.		17	28	45	2	3	5	2			2		1	1	85 30	325	37	100	668	
Hinsdale,	Moses H. Wells,	P.	May 1, 1856.		41	66	107	5	5	10					2	9	11	182 55	*700	70	125	1500	
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth,	P.	Dec. 10, 1782.		34	94	128				3		7	10		2	2	111 16	500	90	145	1497	
	Leonard Tenney,	P.	March 19, 1845.																				
Jaffrey East,	George W. Adams,	s.s.			23	41	64		10	10			1	1		1	1	177 38	500		100		
Keene,	Zedekiah S. Barstow,	D.D.	P.	July 1, 1818.	69	200	269		3	3	3		6	9		6	6	500	700	200	450	3392	
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	s.s.		1840.	34	65	99	2	1	3					2	1	3	123 58	338			887	
Nelson,	Adonijah H. Cutter,	s.s.		1857.	26	35	61				1			1		1	1	60	400		150	781	
Harrisville,	William G. Tuttle,	P.	April 16, 1851.		19	33	52	1	1	2	1		2	3	1		1	105	500	35	120		
Roxbury,	Seth S. Arnold,	s.s.		1856.	7	14	21		2	2	1		2	3				41 61	300		50	200	
Stoddard,	Joshua S. Gay,	s.s.		1855.	4	35	39						3	3				15	250	29	100	1105	
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	P.	Feb. 4, 1846.		35	61	96		1	1	6		2	8		2	2	104 82	400	60	120	468	
Surry,					2	12	*14																556
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood, D.D.	P.	Nov. 15, 1836.		20	33	53		2	2	1		1	2		2	2	150	325	65	90	2100	
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	P.	March 5, 1845.		21	46	67	10	4	14	2		2	4	4		4	83	450	65	140	759	
Walpole,	J. M. Stowe,	P.	Jan. 31, 1855.		20	68	88	4	3	7	5	3	2	10		3	3	75	600	70	200	2070	
Westmoreland,	Charles Greenwood,	s.s.		1857.	25	53	78				5		3	8				100	500	50	150		
Westmoreland, Evan.	Oscar Bissell,	P.	May 14, 1856.		7	18	25									1	1	45 40	400	28	70	1700	
Winchester,	John P. Humphrey,	P.	Feb. 3, 1847.		59	116	175		5	5	7		3	10				350	600	82	225	2700	
24	21	P. 14.—s.s. 7.—v. 4.			612	1283	1895	33	44	77	49	4	46	99	14	36	50						

Without charge—Rev. Gad Newell, Nelson.

* Parsonage.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION. X.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled or employed.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributions		No. contrib. minis. sup.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Total.	Benevolent objects.	Minister's support.			
Bath,	Silas M. Blanchard,	s.s. April, 1857.	33	77	110	1	6	7			2	2				82				1574
Canaan,	Moses Gerould,	s.s. Aug. 20, 1853.	10	24	34	1	2	3								30			100	2000
Haverhill,	Edward H. Greeley,	P. Nov. 7, 1849.	84	103	*137	10	2	12		1	3	4	9	1	10	329	600		240	2400
Haverhill North,	Vacant.		3	4	7															
Hanover Centre,	John Adams,	s.s. 1857.	36	70	106															2350
Lyme,	Erdix Tenny,	P. Jan. 5, 1831.	135	236	371	10	1	11	1		9	10	5	6	11	730	750		225	1618
Orford East,	Vacant.		45	43	88															
Orford West,	Windsor A. Smith,	s.s. Nov. 1, 1854.	28	65	93				3	2	1	6		2	2	110	*700		150	1400
Piermont,	Increase S. Davis,	s.s. 1840.	60	94	154	1		1	4			4	1		1	60	365		150	948
Wentworth,	Vacant.		8	24	32															1147
10	7	P. 2.—s.s. 5.—v. 3.	392	740	1032	23	11	34	8	3	15	26	15	9	24					

Without charge—Nathan Lord, D.D., Roswell Shurtleff, D.D.

* and Parsonage.

Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	P.	June 11, 1845.	14	28	42				2		2				65	2400		130	1800
Brentwood,	Vacant.			19	42	61										10	[illegible]	48	25	935
Dover, 1st ch.	Elias H. Richardson,	P.	Dec. 10, 1856.	66	251	317	5	3	8	54	8	62	2		2	337	98 [illegible]	20	350	9000
Dover, Belknap ch.	Benjamin F. Parsons,	P.	Sept. 3, 1856.			59	3	10	13				3	2	5	184	850	84	250	
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	P.	Nov. 20, 1833.	10	48	58				1	1					134	07 650	60	150	1497
Epping,	Vacant.			13	25	38				1		1								1663
Exeter, 1st ch.	Nathaniel Lasell,	P.	June 19, 1856.	47	80	127	9	1	10		3	3	3		3					
Exeter, 2d ch.	Asa Mann,	P.	Nov. 19, 1851.	14	86	100	2	2	4		1	1	1	1	2	450	900	65	75	3500
Great Falls, 1st ch.	George N. Anthony,	P.	18 5.	50	130	180	4	3	7	1	2	3	1	5	6	321	25 1000		450	6000
Great Falls, 2d ch.	Elias Chapman,	s.s.	1857.																	
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	P.	Feb. 25, 1852.	8	36	44		1	1		1	1				134	600	40	00	739
Hampton,	John Colby,	P.	Oct 31, 1855.	51	128	179		2	2	2	3	5		3	3	118	21 800	90	250	1200
Kingston,	John H. Mellish,	P.	Feb. 14, 1855.	15	50	65	1		1				1		1	38	05 525			1200
Newcastle,	Lucius Alden,	s.s.	1846	8	25	33					1	1		5	5	22			175	891
Newmarket,	James M. Palmer,	s.s.	Sept 1, 1853.	19	31	50	7	1	8	2		2	4		4	35	600	20	125	1937
North Hampton,	John Dinsmore,	P.	Nov. 18, 1852.	71	101	172	1		1		3	3	1	3	4	260	600	70	275	750
Portsmouth,	Lyman Whiting,	P.	Nov. 1, 1855.	78	237	315	13	7	20	7	7	14	5	7	12	1277	1500		500	10000
Rochester,	Vacant.					*89										100	600	65	175	3000
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	P.	Aug. 4, 1847.	30	69	99					1	1		2	2		500		150	1200
Seabrook & Hampton	Falls, Henry A. Louns	bury,	P. Feb. 13, '56			*68														1936
Salmon Falls,	Edward E. Atwater,	P.	Feb. 3, 1852.	25	73	98	3	8	11	8		8	2	1	3	206	800	250	175	2000
Newmarket South,	Winthrop Fifield,	s s.	Feb. 15, 1852.	9	17	26	4		4				4	3	7	78	400	25	85	700
Stratham,	William S. Smith,	s s	1857.			46	1		1	2	2	4	1		1		600	35	100	800
23	20	P. 15.—s.s. 5.—v. 4.		542	1457	2206	53	38	91	79	33	112	28	32	60					

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION .XII.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled or employed.	Communicants			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributions			Contributors minus support.	No of congregation	Population of the town.
			Males.	Females.	Total	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults	Infants.	Total.	Benevolent objects.	Ministerial support.				
Acworth,	Amos Foster,	P. Feb. 18, 1857.			108	1	4	5	3		2	5	1	5	6					250	
Charlestown,	John G. Wilson,	s.s. 1855.	13	32	45		1	1	3			3				60	12			100	1644
Claremont,	Robert C. Lovejoy,	P. Jan 16, 1839.	63	148	211	11	2	13			4	4	3	1	4	275		700			
Cornish,	Alvah Sprauge,	P. Oct. 1, 1835.	32	52	84	5	2	7	2		1	3	4	1	5	60		400	36	38	1600
Croydon,	Vacant																				
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D.D.	P. April 2, 1842.	86	133	219	5	2	7	9		5	14	2		2	450		825	80	400	2350
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	s.s. March, 1850.	19	34	53				1			1				39	44	300	30	65	
Langdon,	Vacant.																				
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	P. Nov. 22, 1849.	48	99	147	3	8	11	2		3	5	2	10	12			720		175	2200
Lempster,	Robert W. Fuller,	s.s. 1857.	30	46	76		1	1			1	1		1	1	55		300*	45		
Lempster, 2d ch.	Vacant.																				
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	P. Jan. 8, 1849.	40	59	99	3	1	4	10	1	2	13	2	3	5	250		500		300	1392
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	P. July 16, 1851.	86	157	243	1	4	5	4		1	5		1	1	300		700	114	350	2020
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	s.s. 1843.	7	27	34											40		205	27	65	p500
Unity,	Vacant.																				
Washington,	John F. Griswold,	s.s. 1845.	6	28	34						1	1						300		100	1000
West Lebanon,	Rufus Case,	P. June 26, 1851.	40	65	105	35	7	42	2		1	3	13	7	20	227	87	650		170	2200
17	13	P. 8 —s.s. 5.—v. 4.	470	880	1548	64	32	96	36	1	21	58	27	29	56	1757	43				

Without charge—Daniel J. Noyes, D.D., John N. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover, s.s. at Wenthersfield, Vt.; Elihu T. Rowe, Meriden; Charles B. Haddock, West Lebanon; Licentiate, Charles S. Richards, Meriden.

* and Parsonage.

SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION. XIII.

Pittsfield,	James A. Hood,	P.	Dec. 12, 1854.	73	131	204	33	5	38	1	4	5	20	2	22	175	*650	85	250	1850
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	P.	Jan. 1, 1850.	50	84	134	43	2	45	1		1	23	1	24	40	475		150	1300
Chichester,	Joshua S. Gay,	s.s.	Aug. 1857.	39	50	89	2		2	1	5	6				46	400	60	93	997
Gilmanton Iron Wks.,	Jairus Ordway,	s s.		38	64	102	1	1	2	6	1	7				67	400	57	100	3282
Loudon 1st,	Enoch H. Caswell,	s.s.		24	61	85	4		4	1	2	3	2	1	3	10	400	40	85	1552
Loudon 2d,	Vacant.			13	32	45		1	1							40	400	40	75	
Nottingham,	Vacant.																			1268
Epsom,	Charles Willey,	s s.	1857.	34	66	100	See former minutes.													1366
8	6	P. 2.—s.s. 4.—v. 2.		271	488	759	83	9	92	10	12	22	45	4	49	378	2725	282	703	

UNION ASSOCIATION. XIV.

Antrim, Presbyterian,	John H. Bates,	P.	March, 1853.	51	105	156	1	3	4	3	3	6	1	2	3	200	500			1100
Bennington, Presby.	Vacant.					*40														541
Hancock,	Asahel Bigelow,	P.	May, 1850.	68	127	195	3	1	4	3	2	5	2	3	5	355	500			1060
Deering,	Vacant.			12	23	*35	1	2	3		3	3	1	3	4	23	400	45	40	890
Hillsborough Centre,	Vacant.					*70										35	350	00	50	
Hillsborough Bridge,	Henry Bricket,	s.s.		18	33	*51											310			1685
Bennington,	Daniel McClenning,	s s.		8	32	40										80	250	36	00	600
Greenfield, 1st ch.	John LeBosquet,	P.	Nov. 1849.	34	69	103	1		1		1	1		4	4	72	400	55	125	716
Greenfield, Evan. ch.	Jonathan McGee,	s.s.		47	70	117				3	2	5							125	
Francestown,	Lathrop Taylor,	P.	Nov. 1851.	101	197	298	3	4	7	11	3	14	1	6	7	433	820		550	1100
New Boston,	Elliot C. Cogswell,	P.	Oct 1855.	65	100	165	2	5	7	4	8	12	2	5	7		650	200	275	1700
Lyndeborough,	Erastus B. Claggett,	P.	Sept. 1846.			90	5		5	5	2	7		6	6	144	500		130	968
Peterborough,	Alfred Goldsmith,	s s.	1857.	No return.																
12	10	P. 5.—s.s. 5.—v. 2.		404	756	1320	16	15	31	29	24	53	7	29	36					

* and Parsonage.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Communicants.	Additions. Prof.	Additions, Let.	Total added.	Removals.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Vacancies.
Belknap,	16	11	1220	30	25	55	50	17	22	8	3	4
Caledonia,	3	2	176	Last Report.						1	1	
Derry,	13	13	1714	72	7	79	51	37	27	8	4	1
Harmony,	14	8	736	13	8	21	32	3	5	1	7	6
Hollis,	16	15	3090	40	55	95	116	17	25	12	3	1
Hopkinton,	19	14	2371	110	49	159	75	47	44	13	1	5
Lancaster,	4	3	207	Last year's report.						1	2	1
Manchester,	11	10	1391	52	46	98	78	21	21	7	3	1
Monadnock,	24	21	1895	53	44	77	99	14	36	14	7	4
Orange,	10	7	1132	23	11	34	26	15	9	2	5	3
Piscataqua,	23	20	2266	53	38	91	112	28	32	15	5	4
Sullivan,	17	13	1548	64	32	96	58	27	29	8	5	4
Suncook,	8	5	759	83	9	92	22	45	4	2	3	3
Union,	12	10	1320	16	15	31	53	7	29	5	5	2
14	190	152	19,838	589	339	928	772	278	283	97	54	39

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap,	WILLIAM R. JEWETT.
Caledonia,	
Derry,	EBENEZER G. PARSONS.
Harmony,	STEPHEN MERRILL.
Hollis,	DANIEL GOODWIN.
Hopkinton,	AMBROSE SMITH.
Lancaster,	JOSEPH B. HILL.
Manchester,	THOMAS P. SAWIN.
Monadnock,	JOHN P. HUMPHREY.
Orange,	ERDIX TENNY.
Piscataqua,	EDWARD ROBIE.
Sullivan,	HENRY CUMMINGS.
Suncook,	OTIS HOLMES.
Union,	JONATHAN McGEE.

The Alphabetical Catalogue has been prepared with much care and labor, and the Statistics revised and corrected as far as possible.

ALPHABETICAL CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational Ministers of New Hampshire.

The Numbers refer to District Associations.

Abbott, Edward F.,	9	*Dublin.*
Adams, Ezra	9	*Gilsum.*
Adams, George W.	9	*Jaffrey East.*
Adams, John	10	*Hanover Centre.*
Ainsworth, Laban	9	*Jaffrey.*
Alden, Lucius	11	*New Castle.*
Angier, Marshall B.	6	*Hopkinton.*
Anthony, George N.	11	*Great Falls.*
Arnold, Seth S.	9	*Roxbury*
Atwater, Edward E.	11	*Salmon Falls.*
Austin, Samuel J.	5	*Mason Village.*
Bates, John H.	14	*Antrim.*
Barker, Nathaniel	11	*Wakefield.*
Bartley, John M. C.	3	*Hampstead.*
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D. D.	9	*Keene.*
Benson, Almon	1	*Centre Harbor.*
Bigelow, Asahel	14	*Hancock.*
Bissell, Oscar	9	*Westmoreland.*
Blanchard, Amos	12	*Meriden.*
Blanchard, Silas M.	10	*Bath.*
Bodwell, Abraham	1	*Sanbornton.*
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D.	5	*Concord.*
Boutwell, James	1	*Sanbornton.*
Bradford, Dana B.	11	*Raymond.*
Brickett, Henry	8	*Merrimack.*
Brown, Samuel G., D. D.	12	*Hanover.*
Burnham, Amos W.	5	*Rindge.*
Burnham, Charles	1	*Meredith.*
Buxton, Edward	5	*Boscawen, West.*
Case, Rufus	12	*West Lebanon.*
Caswell, Enoch H.	13	*Lowlon.*
Chapman, Elias	11	*Great Falls.*
Clark, John	6	*Bristol.*
Clark, Sumner	4	*Wolfboro'.*
Clark, William	5	*Amherst.*
Claggett, Erastus B.	14	*Lyndeborough.*
Cogswell Elliot C.	14	*New Boston.*
Colby, John	11	*Hampton.*
Conant, Liba	1	*Hebron.*
Condit, Uzal W.	3	*Deerfield.*

Corser, Enoch	5	*Boscawen.*
Cummings, Jacob	11	*Exeter.*
Cummings, Henry	12	*Newport.*
Curtice, Corban	6	*Sanbornton Bridg*
Cutter, Adonijah H.	9	*Nelson.*
Davis, Increase S.	10	*Wentworth.*
Davis, Josiah G.	5	*Amherst.*
Day, Pliny B.	5	*Hollis*
Dinsmore, John	11	*North Hampton.*
Dodge, Joshua	4	*Moultonboro'.*
Doldt, James	4	*Milton.*
Downs, Charles A.	12	*Lebanon.*
Eaton, Joseph M. R.	6	*Henniker.*
Emerson, Noah	5	*Hollis.*
Farwell, John E.	3	*Pelham.*
Fay, Prescott	7	*Lancaster.*
Fifield, Winthrop	11	*South Newmarket.*
Fiske, Albert W.	6	*Fisherrille.*
Fobes, William A.	8	*Hooksett.*
Follett, Walter	5	*Temple.*
Foster, Amos	12	*Acworth.*
French, Daniel L.	8	*Hudson.*
Fuller, Robert W.	12	*Lempster.*
Gay, Joshua S.	9	*Stoddard now at Chicket*
George, Enos	1	*Barnstead.*
Gerould Moses	10	*Canaan.*
Goldsmith, Alfred	14	*Peterboro'.*
Goodhue, Daniel	1	*Danbury.*
Goodrich, Lewis	6	*Pembroke.*
Goodwin, Daniel	5	*Mason.*
Goodyear, George	9	*Temple.*
Greeley, Edward H.	10	*Haverhill.*
Greenwood, Charles	9	*Westmoreland.*
Griswold, John F.	12	*Washington.*
Haddock, Charles B., D. D.	12	*West Lebanon.*
Hall, Thomas	2	*Franconia.*
Hart, Edwin J.	8	*Merrimack.*
Herrick, William T.	3	*Candia.*
Hidden, Ephraim N.	3	*Derry.*
Hill, Joseph B.	7	*Stewartstown.*
Hill, Charles J.	5	*Nashua.*
Hills, James	5	*Hollis.*
Holmes, James	3	*Auburn.*
Holmes, Otis	13	*Northwood.*
Hood, James A.	13	*Pittsfield.*
Howland, Harrison O.	3	*Chester.*
Humphrey, John P.	9	*Winchester.*
Jewett, John E. B.	9	*Jaffrey.*
Jewett, Leonard	5	*Hollis.*

tt, William R.	1	*Plymouth.*
n, William	5	*Wilton.*
all, Henry A.	6	*Concord.*
gg, Erastus M.	5	*Nashua.*
all, David	12	*Hanover.*
all, Reuben	4	*Conway.*
bury, Samuel	4	*Tamworth.*
l, Nathaniel	11	*Exeter.*
ence, Robert F.	12	*Claremont.*
squet, John	14	*Greenfield.*
Samuel	5	*New Ipswich.*
gwell, Marvin	11	*Wakefield.*
Charles E.	5	*Mont Vernon.*
Nathan, D. D.	10	*Hanover.*
sbury, Henry A.	11	*Hampton Falls.*
r, Giles	9	*Marlboro'.*
enning, Daniel	14	*Bennington.*
ee, Jonathan	14	*Greenfield.*
, Asa	11	*Exeter.*
ing, Abel	1	*Gilmanton, East.*
hall, Lyman	8	*Manchester.*
sh, John H.	11	*Kingston.*
ill, John H.	4	*Tamworth.*
ill, Stephen	4	*Wolf boro'.*
y, Howard	6	*Canterbury.*
e, Humphrey, D. D.	5	*Milford.*
ll, Gad	9	*Nelson.*
all, Ebenezer	8	*Litchfield.*
n, Thomas S.	9	*Sullivan.*
s, Daniel J., D. D.	12	*Hanover.*
Israel T.	11	*Rye.*
Jesse	3	*Atkinson.*
William	3	*Salem.*
er, James M.	11	*Newmarket.*
r, Henry E.	6	*Concord.*
ns, Benjamin F.	11	*Dover.*
ns, Ebenezer G.	3	*Derry.*
k, William	6	*Canterbury.*
, Ebenezer	6	*Boscawen West.*
m, John M.	8	*Dunbarton.*
m, John N.	12	*Hanover.*
John W.	8	*Merrimack.*
rds, Austin	5	*Nashua.*
rds, Cyrus S.	12	*Meriden.*
rds, John, D. D.	12	*Hanover.*
rdson, Elias H.	11	*Dover*
rdson, Henry	12	*Goshen.*
, Edward	11	*Greenland.*

PLAN

Recommended by the General Association

FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	*Tract.‡*	*Education*.*	*Home Miss.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Bel. & Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March
Merrimack,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan	Feb. March,	April, May.
Rockingham,	Aug Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.
Grafton & Coos,	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.

*Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † American and Foreign Christian Union.

NOTE—The Secretary gives notice that the Church and Society in Hampton have invited the Association to meet there next year—Rev. JOHN COLBY, Pastor.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at the Congregational Church in Hampton, on Tuesday, August 24, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a Concio ad Clerum, by Rev. John H. Merrill of Tamworth, from 1 Peter, 4: 13, and 2 Cor. 1: 5.

After sermon the Preacher took the Chair. Credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and Foreign Bodies were presented, and the following names were enrolled as members of this Association.

Associations.	Delegates.
Belknap,	William R. Jewett, James Boutwell.
Caledonia,	None.
Derry,	William T. Herrick, Uzal W. Condit.
Harmony,	Reuben Kimball, John H. Merrill.
Hollis,	Josiah G. Davis, Pliny B. Day, Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Nathaniel Bouton, D. D., Joseph M. R. Eaton.
Lancaster,	None.
Manchester,	Ebenezer Newhall, Thomas Savage.
Monadnock,	Moses H. Wells, John P. Humphrey, Thomas S. Norton, Oscar Bissell.
Orange,	Windsor A. Smith.
Piscataqua,	Jacob Cummings, Asa Mann, Alvan Tobey, Winthrop Fifield.
Sullivan,	John Richards, D. D., Elihu T. Rowe.
Union,	None.

Ex Officio, John K. Young, *Secretary.*
John Colby, *Pastor of the Church.*

General Conference of Maine, Rev. Charles Packard, of New Gloucester.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. David Green.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Rowland Ayres.
General Association of Connecticut, Rev. J. A. McKinstrey.
General Association of Illinois, Rev. J. H. Johnson.

General Association of Iowa, Rev. William Salter.
Congregational Conference of Ohio, Rev. Solomon P. Fay.
General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, Rev. B. B. Beckwith.
New Hampshire Baptist State Convention, Rev. C. W. Flanders.
New Hampshire Methodist Conference, Rev. S. Holman.

The Association was organized by the election of Rev. Dr. Bouton, Moderator; Rev. W. A. Smith, Scribe, and Rev. W. R. Jewett, Assistant Scribe.

The rules of the Association were read by the Secretary, and prayer for the Divine direction was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Cummings, Day and Colby were appointed a Committee of Overtures and Nominations.

Rev. Messrs. Eaton, Green of Vermont, and McKinstry of Connecticut, were appointed a Committee to receive the Narratives on the State of Religion, and report thereon.

Voted, that the sessions of the Association commence at 8, A. M., and at 1 P. M.

Adjourned to 1½, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

A communication was received from the delegate of the General Association of Michigan, which was passed to the Committee of Overtures. The report of the Executive Committee of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., A. W. Burnham, D. D., J. H. Merrill, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, J. Woods, N. Lord, D. D., A. Bodwell, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., and L. Whiting, were appointed a committee to certify the regular standing of ministers and licentates travelling beyond the bounds of this State.

The hour for public services having arrived, after singing and prayer, reports of the State of Religion in the District Associations and Foreign Bodies were read by the delegates, followed with remarks by Rev. Mr. Whiting of Portsmouth.

The Committee of Overtures nominated the following committees, which were accepted.

On Publication, Rev. Messrs. J. G. Davis, W. A. Smith, D. Kimball, and J. Richards, D. D.

To answer the communication from Michigan, Rev. Messrs. A. Tobey, and S. Lee.

To take into consideration a communication on Sabbath Schools, Rev. Messrs. W. R. Jewett, U. W. Condit, L. Marshall, N. Bouton, D. D., M. H. Wells, E. T. Rowe, J. Cummings, and J. H. Merrill.

Rev. J. H. Merrill was appointed Secretary of Sabbath Schools.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Fifield.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

Met according to adjournment.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Cummings.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. James Boutwell, the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter, was requested to prepare the same, and send it to the Secretary for Publication in the Minutes.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Minntes.

Voted, that a tax of 50 cents be assessed upon each member of the District Associations.

Rev. A. P. Tenney was re-elected Treasurer, and Rev. Dr. Bouton Auditor.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a separation of the Congregationalists and Presbyterians in the Home Missionary work, presented a report, which was accepted, and laid on the table.

A communication was received from the church of Boscawen. inviting the Association to meet at that place next year, where its first meeting was held, to observe its semi-centennial anniversary.

Voted, that the invitation be accepted, and the Secretary be requested to answer the communication. Rev. Messrs. J. K.

Young, A. Smith, L. Whiting, Dr. Bouton, and A. P. Tenney were appointed a committee of arrangements for the meeting, and requested to prepare an order of exercises. Rev. Dr. Bouton was requested to prepare a historical discourse for the occasion.

The Statistical Secretary addressed the Association on the importance of accurate statistics, and of more efficient efforts to obtain them.

Rev. Messrs. Davis, J. Richards, D. D., and Quint of Massachusetts, were appointed a committee to report a plan for obtaining accurate statistical reports. Said committee reported the following, which was adopted.

I. The Statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out, according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the 1st of August past.

II. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the 1st day of November following his appointment; he shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribe of the District Associations, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form and properly combined in a summary at each session of the General Association; he shall superintend their printing; shall be a member *ex officio* of this body, and of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence, and attendance on the meetings of this body.

III. Each District Association connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association; in case any Association shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

The Committee recommend that the schedule already in use be continued for the present.

At 10 o'clock the Association gave place to the anniversary of the New Hampshire Branch of the American Education Soci-

ety. The reports of the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Richards, and of the Treasurer, Hon. Samuel Morrill were heard, and addresses were made by Rev. I. N. Tarbox, Secretary of the American Education Society at Boston, and Rev. Dr. A. D. Smith of New York.

At 11 o'clock the Sabbath School anniversary was held. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Richardson, Rev. J. H. Merrill, the Secretary, presented the annual report for the State. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Whiting of Portsmouth, Rev. Mr. Eaton of Henniker, and Rev. A. Bullard, Secretary of the Massachusetts S. S. Society.

Adjourned to 1½, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

A communication was received from Rev. Mr. Powis, delegate from the Congregational Union of Canada; which was referred to the delegate from this body to answer by correspondence or in person.

The Committee of nominations recommended the following delegates to Foreign Bodies, who were appointed.

To the General Conference of Maine,

Primaries.	Substitutes.
Rev. J. H. Merrill,	Rev. E. G. Parsons,

To the General Convention of Vermont,

Rev. Rufus Case,	Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D.

To the General Association of Massachusetts,

Rev. J. G. Davis,	Rev. E. H. Richardson.

To the General Association of Connecticut,

Rev. B. Smith,	Rev. J. G. Davis.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island,

Rev. I. Willey,	Rev. G. Lyman.

To the General Association of New York,

Rev. Edward Robie,	Rev. P. B. Day.

To the General Conference of Ohio,

Rev. R. M. Sargent,	Rev. J. Holmes.

To the General Association of Michigan,

Rev. A. Bigelow,	Rev. D. Goodwin.

To the General Association of Wisconsin,

Rev. C. Willey, Rev. A. Benson.

To the General Associations of Illinois and Iowa,

Rev. Asa Mann, Rev. J. Colby.

To the General Association of Minnesota,

Rev. J. H. Mellish, Rev. D. D. Tappan.

To the General Assembly of the Pres. Church.

Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Rev. W. A. Smith.

To the General Synod of the Evan. Lutheran Ch.

Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Rev. H. E. Parker.

To the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting,

Rev. H. Moody, Rev. A. Foster.

To the New Hampshire Methodist Conference,

Rev. James Doldt, Rev. Charles Burnham.

To the New Hampshire Baptist Convention,

Rev. M. Gerould, Rev. J. M. Palmer.

To the Canada Congregational Union,

Rev. Robert F. Lawrence, Rev. E. Tenny.

Rev. Messrs. A. Mann and J. McGee were appointed to prepare a Pastoral Letter for the next year.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., was appointed Preacher for the Communion next year, and Rev. J. P. Humphrey substitute.

The Committee on the communication of the delegate from Michigan reported as follows :

We respectfully recommend that the Secretary of this Association be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of their letter and express our regret that we were not represented at their last annual meeting. Also, that we recommend that delegates to corresponding Bodies, if unable to attend personally, be instructed to address by letter those to whom they are sent.

The report was adopted.

Voted, That if the delegate and substitute to any corresponding Body be unable to attend the meetings to which they were appointed, they may be empowered to appoint a substitute.

Rev. J. Richards, D. D., and Rev. L. Dimick, D. D., were requested to officiate at the Communion to-morrow.

Voted, That the Hollis Association furnish the Preacher for the next Meeting of the Association.

Several delegates to Foreign Bodies reported attendance.

The Association gave place to the Anniversary of the New Hampshire Bible Society. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Green. The reports of the Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Stone, and of the Secretary, Rev. I. Willey, were read. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Brigham, Secretary of the American Bible Society, of New York, Rev. Mr. Hanks, Secretary of the Seaman's Friend Society, and Rev. Dr. Haven, of Boston.

The Association resumed business.

The following resolution in reference to the action of the Tract Society was adopted.

Resolved, That the recent action of the Tract Society at Boston meets with our hearty approval, and we especially commend the Society to the confidence and support of our churches.

The Committee appointed at the lastmeeting of the General Association to report upon the proper treatment of church members, who, after long absence, and location near sister churches, decline transferring their membership, submitted a report, in which they discussed the necessity, the right and the feasibility of such action as the churches are empowered to employ; and concluded by recommending to the churches in connection with this body, the adoption of the following resolutions, which the Association unanimously approved:—

Resolved, 1. That it is the duty of ministers to instruct their hearers respecting the laws of Christ's house; especially to insist upon the supreme and unchanging authority of those Covenant engagements which bind the professing people of God, to avow their attachment to Christ and their readiness to co-operate with the friends of the Redeemer wherever they may reside; – avoiding carefully the too common idea, that their engagements to a particular church are distinct from, or superior to, their obligations to Christ and the interests of his kingdom.

2. It is the duty of churches to remind absent members of their obligation and privilege to unite with sister churches and walk in fellowship with them. For this purpose we recommend the employment of a circular which shall be printed for the use of such churches as may adopt them.

3. When absent members have been admonished of their duty without complying with the admonition, or furnishing satisfactory reasons for the neglect, the churches to which they belong may subject them to discipline.

4. If such absent members persist in their neglect for two years, and by silence or other evidence, show that they are not willing to comply with the laws of Christ's house, they may be deprived of their church standing, in accordance with 1 John 2: 19.

5. If these, or similar regulations, are adopted by any church, they should be publicly read to the congregation at least once a year, that all may understand their import and be prepared to comply with them.

The following circular, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, was adopted, and ordered to be printed and supplied to the Pastors :—

DEAR —— ——

In compliance with an acknowledged rule of the Christian profession, we wish to remind you of the duty and privilege of transferring your membership from us to the Church of Christ, in fellowship with us, where you now reside. We should gladly retain you in our watch and care, if we could enjoy your society and fulfil the obligations of our Covenant; but as this is no longer practicable, we trust you will accede to this request, or furnish such reasons as will justify a delay.

In behalf of the Congregational Church,

—— —— PASTOR.

Association took up the Report of the Committee on the subject of a separation of Congregationalists and Presbyterians in Home Missions. After a full discussion, it was

Resolved, That the Report be re-committed, and that two be added to the Committee, and that they be requested to correspond with both Presbyterians and Congregationalists, and report next year.

Rev. Messrs. A. Mann and A. Tobey were added to the Committee.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Goodwin.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Day. The Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Bissell obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

Resolved, That the General Association of New Hampshire deeply regret the action of the American Bible Society in receding from the emendations of the late committee on versions, as prejudicial to its best interests.

Voted, That the Association re-affirm the expectation, that each Pastor and Stated Supply will contribute annually one dollar to the fund for aiding the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, and that delegates now present, report this action to to each Association.

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of forming a General Conference, in place of the General Association, or the introduction of a Lay Delegation into the Association, and to present to the Churches the following question, viz.—

"Do you desire the formation of such an organization, to take the place of the General Association?" The Committee to return an answer to the Secretary, and report next year.

Rev. Messrs. I. Willey, J. G. Davis, and W. R. Jewett were appointed said Committee.

The Committee on the Narrative presented their report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Resolved, That greater efficiency might be secured and an increased interest awakened in the Sabbath School cause, by holding a General Convention of Pastors, Superintendents, Teachers and friends of the cause.

Rev. Messrs. W. R. Jewett, L. Marshall, J. H. Merrill and C. W. Wallace were appointed a Committee to call such Convention if deemed desirable.

Rev. J. G. Davis was re-elected Statistical Secretary.

Rev. Mr. Turner was heard in behalf of the Tract Society, and Rev. Mr. Warren in behalf of Foreign Missions.

Resolutions in behalf of Temperance :—

Resolved, That we, the Congregational Ministers of New Hampshire, feel called upon to renew the early efforts in the modes of that time, to persuade men from intemperance, by preaching upon the sin of it, by constantly making mention of it in the prayers of the sanctuary, and by occasional lectures and neighborhood meetings, to the end that we may encourage and stimulate all good men in this blessed work.

Resolved, That, grateful for our personal freedom from the debasing vice of using tobacco, we will cordially aid all other bodies of ministers in attaining the like blessed freedom from such 'spots in their feasts of charity.'

At 10 o'clock, Association gave place to the Anniversary of the New Hampshire Domestic Missionary Society. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Dimick, of Newburyport. Rev. Dr. Stone, the Secretary, presented his Report and a Sermon was preached by Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., a delegate from the American Home Missionary Society.

Association resumed business.

Voted, That 500 copies of the Minutes and such Circulars as the Publishing Committee may authorize, be printed.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be given, through the Pastor of this Church, to the people of this place, of all denominations, for their generous hospitality to us during this meeting.

Resolved, That the fellowship and prosperity of the churches would be promoted by the public reading of the Pastoral Letter and other religious reports of this body in our Sabbath Assemblies.

Voted, to adjourn after the Communion services this afternoon.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to 1½, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The Sermon before Communion was preached by Rev. Henry E. Parker, from 2 Cor. 5 : 14. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Drs. Dimick and Richards.

After the Communion services the Association adjourned. *sine die*.

NATHANIEL BOUTON, Moderator.

WINDSOR A. SMITH, Scribe.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT. Assistant Scribe.

NARRATIVE OF RELIGION.

The circumstances in which we are now assembled are such as should fill each heart with gratitude, and every mouth with praise. Never before during the half century of our existence as a General Association which is about to close have we come together laden with so rich a blessing. From the sea coast to the river, among the mountains and in the valleys, almost every place has been made solemn by the presence of Jehovah our God. The heavy sigh, the rolling tear, the unfeigned confession, the humble prayer, grateful praise, and joyful thanksgiving, these have been among our experiences on earth, and they have been reported by the angels in heaven; and to-day we come with humble reverence before him who hath wrought for us, and through us, and say, 'Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. 'Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.'

For many years past a large part of our Commonwealth has experienced the withering influences of sin, out of the church, and too often in the church, and a consumption which seemed to be decreed was apparently hastening the end of many of our churches While this state of things was pressing upon our attention, 'by the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion.' But 'when the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen, the Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.'

Some notice will now be taken of the work of God in the several district Associations.

Derry Association. A number of the churches have enjoyed seasons of religious interest, and conversions have occurred in nearly all the congregations. In all the communities, with one or two exceptions, the kingdom of Christ seems to have come with increasing power.

Harmony Association. There are fourteen churches with only one pastor, while seven have stated supplies. Several of these churches are reported as having enjoyed an unusual degree of the spirit's influences, and additions have been made so that now the whole number of members is thirty-five more than it was one year ago.

Hollis Association. Three hundred and fifty-six have been added to the sixteen churches connected with this Association during the year, and many more are to be received on the first Sabbath of the next month. The additions have varied from two to sixty-four, the smallest number having been added to the church in Temple and the largest to the First church in Nashua. In Brookline the increase of members has been sixty-two per cent., the number having gone up from forty-four to sixty-nine. During the year immediately preceding the one now reported the entire membership within the bounds of the Association was diminished by twenty-one, while the increase of the past year has been one hundred and sixty-nine. The report says, "Nearly every church has shared more or less in the shower of mercy which has passed over our land. Where the number of converts has not been considerable new family altars have been erected, and the fire on old ones rekindled, and the church received new impulses on her heavenward course. Altogether the records of the Association do not bear testimony to such triumphs of grace as have been wit-

nessed during the past year." The following are the churches which have shared mostly in the blessed work. Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Mason, Milford, Olive St., First, and Pearl St. churches, Nashua, First and Second churches, New-Ipswich, Mont Vernon, and Rindge. The number of conversions within the bounds of the Association during the year is about four hundred, and the number in the whole county of Hillsboro', as reported at the county Conference last June is about seven hundred.

HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION. The report states that "all the churches have shared more or less in the revival spirit which has so widely pervaded our land, while in some the tokens of God's presence, and the fruits of his spirit have been very precious and abundant. With us the glorious work of God has not been a transient shower so much as a continual rain. In connection with special religious services proposed by the county Conference, and adopted last Autumn and Winter, members of our churches were much quickened, and considerable numbers in our congregations were converted. Subsequently, as in other places, an unusual spirit of grace and supplication was poured out; meetings for prayer became frequent, attended by large numbers; Sabbath assemblies were full, attentive and solemn. A new unction was given to ministers, and both brethren and sisters in the churches were animated with new life and energy in the cause of the blessed Master." There have been about 280 conversions. The churches most highly favored are at Boscawen West, Concord First, South, and West, Franklin, Henniker, Pembroke, Sanbornton Bridge, and Bradford, this last church being without a pastor. "In Boscawen West, several aged men were subjects of the work, and in Franklin God's grace has been singularly triumphant, in the conversion among others, of men of mature age and commanding influence." "One result of this happy state of things in our churches is, a number of pious young men have turned their attention to studies with a view to the ministry."

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. No report has been received from this body, but we are enabled to say that several of the churches have shared, and some of them largely, in the blessings of God's mercy. We are happy to record it to the praise of divine grace, and with many and heartfelt thanks to a favored steward of that grace, that seven young men from the Andover Theological Seminary spent six weeks, laboring faithfully and successfully in our northern waste places, two of them being in Vt., and five in New-Hampshire. These brethren were sustained in the field by the beneficence of a gentleman in Boston. Thirty-eight hopeful conversions occurred in connection with their labors; but the whole amount of good resulting can be measured only in the lengthening ages of eternity.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION. There have been 120 additions, 50 of which were to the First church in Manchester. Some 60 conversions are reported in connection with this church Though this is the largest number reported from any one place, yet several smaller societies have been more richly blessed then they in proportion to their numbers. The Presbyterian church at Londonderry have received the gift of a pastor, and an addition of 16 members during the year. Twenty have been added to the Christian Mission Church at Manchester; 11 to the church in Merrimack; 10 to the Presbyterian church in Bedford, and smaller numbers to other churches. The people of God in Dunbarton prayed, and labored and waited *six weeks* before so much as the little cloud appeared. During all this time the members of the choir of singers were made special subjects of prayer. The faith of some began to waver, but the Pastor said to them, *Go again seven times*, and as they looked, the cloud arose. A member of the choir came into the meeting, and in person sought an interest in the prayers of God's people. The cloud of mercy now overshadowed them and

poured down abundance of rain. Nearly all the choir were made partakers of the rich blessing.

Monadnock Association. Two aged members of this Association have been removed by death. Rev. Laban Ainsworth, Pastor of the church in Jaffrey, went to his rest on Wednesday, March 17, at the great age of 100 years, 7 months and 28 days. He sustained the pastoral relation at Jaffrey, where he was settled Dec. 10, 1782, for more than 75 years. During nearly half a century he was without a colleague. His last colleague, Rev Leonard Tenney, says, "He manifested the kindness of a father, with the forbearance and courtesy of a constant friend." "He discovered such perfect holiness in his Maker, and so much imperfection in himself, that he thought, should he ever be admitted into the home of the holy, it would be through the infinite riches of Divine grace, in Christ Jesus. When his memory became so enfeebled that he could not recall the names of his nearest kindred, nor recognize the countenances of his most familiar friends, he did not forget the name of Jesus, nor did he cease to speak of him in the language of affection. His end was peace. On the Saturday before his death, he led the devotions of the family in prayer. The day before his death he listened with eagerness to the 90th and 103d Psalms. From that time he remained in a state of perfect quietness through the following night, when at 6 o'clock in the morning, without the least manifestation of pain, he fell asleep."

Rev. Elisha Rockwood, D. D., died at Swanzey, June 15, at the advanced age of 80 years. He was in the ministry more than half a century. The first 26 years and a half of his ministerial labor were spent in Westboro', Ms., where he enjoyed several revivals of religion. He received to the two churches of which he was Pastor, 410 members; administered the rite of Baptism to 517 individuals, and solemnized 289 marriages. He was an eminently good man, and a faithful minister of the gospel.

The churches of this Association report an increased degree of religious interest, and more or less hopeful conversions.

Orange Association. The Holy Spirit has been present in all the churches; about 100 have been added during the year. Among the churches more highly favored are Haverhill, Hanover Centre, Lyme, Wentworth, and Bath. In Haverhill, without a Pastor, the number of hopeful conversions has exceeded 50; 26 have been received to the church. At Hanover Centre about 30 indulge hope. Eighteen have been added to the church at Bath. At Wentworth the work has been exceedingly interesting, effecting a great change in the community, in such a way as to show that the power is of God.

Piscataqua Association. There have been 276 additions to the churches, and a gain of 136. Rochester, Dover, Great Falls, New Market, Exeter, North Hampton, Hampton, Rye, and Portsmouth have rejoiced in the hopeful conversion of many. The church in Hampton have experienced a great blessing; 75 are hoping in the mercy of God, and 56 have been received into the communion of the church. There have been about as many more conversions in connection with the other evangelical churches in the town. For several years this Association have been engaged in missionary efforts in the destitute portions of their own territory, and with happy results.

Sullivan Association. All the churches have felt the quickening influences of the Holy Spirit in some degree, and some have been largely favored.

Suncook Association. At Epsom 40 or more hope in the mercy of God, mostly among the young; but one is a man, 73 years old, a brand plucked from the burning. At Pittsfield much interest exists among the young.—

A prayer meeting has been sustained many months by the little girls, 2 of whom, 12 years of age, have united with the church.

UNION ASSOCIATION Was not reported. Some of the churches have enjoyed interesting revivals, while nearly all have experienced more than is usual the Spirit's influences.

The history of God's dealings with us the past year impresses deeply upon our minds the conviction that the Sabbath School is the nursery of the church. Most of our Sabbath Schools have shared largely in the work of grace, some brief record of which we have now made. Some of the converts are quite young children. We have not time to embody in our Narrative all the interesting facts brought before us in the reports from the District Associations. To some, however, we must allude. The Sabbath School connected with the First Church in Nashua, numbers 458, which is an increase of 239 during the year. There have been 79 hopeful conversions in the School; of whom 50 have united with the church. There have been conversions in 19 classes. In Hanover, a lady collected 40 boys into a Sabbath School, and has secured for them a Sabbath Library of 300 volumes, and a week day Library of 150 volumes, with printed Catalogues. Through the blessing of God, her efforts have wrought a great change in this School. Some of them have united with the church. Another has collected a school of girls for the same blessed purpose. In many other places, numbers have been gathered into the Sabbath School, and into the fold of Christ.

Before closing this Narrative, we wish to record the goodness of God to our Institutions of learning. The Pastor of the church at Dartmouth College says, At the commencement of the Spring Term, there were decided evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit among the students in his awakening influences. The College Faculty seemed imbued with the holy flame. The stated meetings of the church were filled up, and others instituted, till each evening of the week was appropriated. The students held daily prayer meetings in College, besides three public evening prayer meetings in the church vestry, and also others in private houses. These meetings were well attended for four months. The hopeful conversions were about 60, of whom half were students. Thirty have united with the church.—A work of grace has been experienced in Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden. More than 40 obtained hope in Christ.—In Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, 30 were hopefully converted. In other Academies and schools, like precious blessings have been enjoyed.

The Great Awakening, as it has been experienced among us, is evidently the work of God, and in many instances, it has worn such remarkable features as to silence, and even subdue many cavilers. The prominent means employed have been prayer, exhortation and personal persuasion. These, with increased spirituality in the ordinary ministrations of the pulpit, God has blessed in such a way as proves that the power is his, and his be all the glory.

Facts of deep and thrilling interest were communicated by the Delegates from the various Foreign Bodies in correspondence with us. The Narrative of the state of religion in the Presbyterian Church says—"This Pentecostal season manifested itself at an early period of the present year, in a remarkable degree, in the City of New York. This great heart of the country now became the fountain of religious life, sending out its currents to the extremities. Its influence spread rapidly. Individuals from the East and the West, from the North and the South, came to this business centre, and, like the men of old, who visited Jerusalem, they were filled

with the Holy Ghost, and returned home to kindle the sacred flame at their own altars, and in the places where they dwelt, until the holy fire was lighted in almost every city and village in the land, where it is still burning more or less brightly." "There is perhaps scarcely a church within the bounds of the Assembly, that has not, in some degree, been strengthened." Many of the churches have been increased, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold.

From Maine the report says, that "not only, to a wide extent, has the wilderness and solitary place been made glad, and the desert to blossom as the rose," but upon the *cultivated* fields God has come down like rain upon the mown grass, and as showers that water the earth. There have been, connected with our own churches, 75 general revivals. With 90 others, has been special interest, and within the limits of our own people there have been more than 2000 conversions. The conversions among other denominations would swell this number to many thousands. 7800 conversions are reported as having occurred in Massachusetts; about 5000 in Connecticut; in Vermont from 1200 to 2000. Nearly all the churches have been quickened in Vermont and many of them greatly revived. A good work is spoken of by all the Delegates from Foreign Bodies.

But while we rejoice in what God has done for us, we cannot forget that very much land yet remains to be possessed, and we should gird ourselves anew for the conflict. May the Lord Almighty make the past but the beginning of the years of his right hand, and the series be unbroken till the bright and happy day shall dawn, whose sun shall shine upon a world converted to Jesus Christ.

J. M. R. EATON, *For the Committee.*

PASTORAL LETTER

Of the General Association of New Hampshire to the Churches in their connection.

DEAR BRETHREN,

In the epistle addressed to you last year, prepared by one of the fathers in the ministry in New Hampshire, the writer asked permission "to enter your dwellings and to speak with you kindly of some of those intimate and endearing relations which constitute the Family Circle"—we wish at this time to address you upon a subject which seems properly to follow that brought to your notice last year, viz.—

Your relations to each other as members of the family of Christ, and the duties which arise from these relations

All true believers in Christ sustain peculiar relations to him and to each other. They are "a peculiar people." They constitute the church universal for which Christ died, whose names are written in heaven. Wherever found in the world, or of whatever name, they all have common interests, duties and hopes. They have one Lord and Master. Christ is their Head, their Elder Brother and Leader, consequently, they are bound together by bonds of a common brotherhood. They are

"the body of Christ and members in particular." 1 Cor. 12; 27.—Each of you sustains relations to every other member and each must perform the duties devolving on him, or the whole body will suffer in consequence of your neglect. *You have voluntarily entered into this relation.* No circumstances of birth, no civil law, no political regulations, either compelled you to join a church organization, or entitles you to membership. It was your voluntary act, when you entered into Covenant with God and his people. This Covenant is twofold;—it is with God and his church, and this is the reason why the church cannot dismiss you again to the world. They can only dismiss and recommend you to another body of believers, or withdraw all Christian fellowship, by excision. The fact that you were voluntary in joining the church increases your obligation to maintain a Christian character and live an irreproachable life.

The relation which subsists between members of the same church is intimate. They labor for one common object — the glory of God, and the advancement of the Savior's cause in the world. Their faithful labors excite opposition from without, and this binds their hearts together more closely. Thus was it in the early days of Christianity. Those who professed their faith in the despised Nazarene expected opposition. They counted upon a life of toil and persecution, and this drew them together more closely. Like soldiers on the battle-field, who have fought side by side, their common dangers and struggles and hardships made them love each other the more. So should it be with the family of Christ. Their common hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, a common cause, and common Master, common labors and one final home in heaven, should always unite the brotherhood in the strongest of bonds.

Not only is your relation intimate, but it is a very important relation.

Indeed, we may say, it is necessary to the preservation of Christianity in the world. An arrangement of some kind was necessary for this. Sabbath worship and the ordinances of the gospel would soon cease to be sustained, if the friends of Christ were not associated together for this purpose. A distinct organization is also necessary, in order that it may be known who are "called to be saints." For this purpose the Savior requires his disciples to "come out and be separate from the world." Thus you have publicly declared yourselves to be on the Lord's side, and have become "a city set on a hill,"—as a light that cannot be hid."

And, again, as in the domestic circle, each member is to be a helper to promote the common welfare, so also should it be in the household of faith. This was a prominent object in the formation of the New Testament churches. The members were associated together for *mutual watchfulness and assistance*, in the Christian life. We earnestly urge upon you the faithful discharge of this duty. "Exhort one another daily, lest any be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."—Strive to excite others to love and good works; and "he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

By association your influence is made to operate more powerfully on the world.

In any cause, where there is concentration of effort, the result aimed at is more certain. When the Jews rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, they strengthened each other by their union of sympathy and effort. The Apostles gathered the early converts into churches, in order that the power of Christian example and influence might be augmented. One small candle can be seen at a distance in the night; but two, when brought together, will much more than double the effect of each other when placed separate and remote from one another. The association of Christ's disciples in churches increases their individual influence and makes their light more clear and bright amid the darkness of the world.

"Ye see," therefore, "your calling, brethren." You sustain intimate and important relations to each other, as well as to Christ. We, then, "beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Permit us to bring to your consideration *some of the duties which the "members of the body of Christ" should perform.*

I. *Each should take a lively interest in the welfare of the church.*

His membership implies obligation to labor for the welfare of the whole body. Why are the members associated at all, if they are not to take a deep and lively interest in the promotion of those ends for which they have entered into covenant. The church is established to preserve religious worship and ordinances in the community, to promote the individual piety of the members, and the conversion of the impenitent. But how can these objects be attained, unless each individual feels an interest in securing them? While each one, therefore, enjoys the privileges pertaining to the household of faith, he should help bear the burdens. He should feel it his duty to know and to strive to elevate the common standard of piety among the members, and to promote such Christian practice as becometh those professing godliness. The dead branch of a tree injures the healthfulness of the tree and the fruit it would otherwise produce. A member of the body that is palsied and useless, through which there is no circulation of the vital fluid, becomes a dead weight, a deformity to the body. So in the spiritual body, when its members feel no interest in what concerns the whole, they bring forth no fruit, and so become a hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

II. *Each member should use all the talents which he possesses for the common benefit.*

"Ye are the body of Christ and members in particular." In your associated capacity, you form the body of Christ, while individually, ye are members. "Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church." One, by his knowledge of the Bible, is fitted to be a teacher in the Sabbath School. Another has what is called the gift of prayer, or can stir up the hearts of his brethren by words of exhortation. Others can visit the sick, or aid in making efforts and collections for be-

nevolent and charitable purposes. Others are able to assist by their counsel in the meetings of the church for business in maintaining discipline. Others have wealth and, as stewards of the church, can aid in promoting its prosperity and extension at home and abroad. Thus we see, every member, whether he have only one gift and that the humblest, or whether he have many and all ample, is bound to employ them for the common benefit of the whole body. You are not to conclude, because you have not such gifts or so many as others, you are therefore excused from doing any thing. Each part of the body is necessary in its place; but we sometimes give undue prominence to one part and overlook others on which life and health mainly depend. We can part with an eye, a hand, or a foot and yet life be preserved; but what is the consequence if the brain, the lungs, or the heart be removed? So it is in the church. Oftentimes those who are the most retiring and unnoticed, the humble, the meek, the peaceful and prayerful, are more necessary to the true welfare of the church than those who are more prominent. And far better can the church afford to spare one that is as the hand or the foot, than that humble, prayerful Christian, who is to the church, what the heart and lungs are to the life. A leg or an arm may be cut off, and yet the body will live; but if the heart or the lungs be removed, death instantly ensues. So the church would die if the humble and retiring piety and fervent prayerfulness of those who perhaps are unobserved, should be lost. How can you conclude, then, that you are unimportant to the welfare of the church, because God has not set you in the same position in it as others. Use the gifts he has given you; perform the part He has assigned, and thereby honor him and promote the welfare of his church according to your ability.

III. *It is the duty of each member to attend the meetings of the church.*

Some professors of religion think, if they attend meeting at some place of worship, this is sufficient. Hence they go from place to place to gratify a vain curiosity, – to hear a new preacher, or see another congregation, or witness the administration of ordinances in a different mode from that practised in their own church. But if one member may thus neglect the worship of his own church, why may not all? And what would be the effect of such a course on the life and spirituality of the individual and the church? So also in regard to the preparatory lecture, and stated meetings of the church for conference, prayer and the transaction of business. If these meetings are necessary, and promote the spiritual life of one member, they are necessary for another. and you cannot neglect them without doing injury to yourself and the interests of the church

IV. *Another duty which each member owes to the fellow members is, to aid in maintaining the discipline of the church.*

The church, perhaps, cannot be found, where there are no members that dishonor Christ in their lives, and render faithful admonition and discipline necessary. But it is no pleasant duty for a church to arraign for trial one of its members who walks disorderly, and proceed

a course of faithful admonition, reproof, or excision. Shall it there-
ore be entirely neglected? It is not a pleasant thing to have an arm
r a leg cut off from the body; shall it therefore be suffered to remain
ntil it corrupts and destroys the whole body? The object of church
iscipline is, the reformation of the offender, the promotion of purity in
he church, and vindication of the honor of religion. "A little leaven
eaveneth the whole lump. Purge out, therefore, the old leaven, that
e may be a new lump." Duty to the sinning member, as well as to
he church itself requires the thing to be done, however unpleasant it
ay be. The law of brotherhood between man and man, which Moses
stablished, "Thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer
in upon him," applies with augmented force to those who have cove-
anted to walk together as followers of him "who was holy." "Breth-
en," says an Apostle, "if a man be overtaken with a fault, ye who
re spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." Now, on
hom rests the duty? Not on the Pastor alone. Every member of
he church has a part to perform in this matter. He has entered into
ovenant to do this thing whenever it becomes necessary, and he can-
ot, therefore, excuse himself from discharging it. It is your duty,
ien, to be present at the meetings of the church for the transaction of
he business of discipline and render what assistance you can, to have
executed promptly, impartially and in Christian kindness.

We might proceed to speak of other duties which you owe to one
nother, as mutual watchfulness and fidelity, forbearance, forgiveness,
nd last, though not least, the exercise of brotherly love.

And now, suffer us to inquire, brethren, if you are faithfully perform-
ng all the duties that have been mentioned? Are you using all the
alents God has given you for the edification and advancement in holi-
ess of those with whom you have entered into covenant? Do you
abitually, as far as Providence permits you, attend the worship and
eetings of the church on the Sabbath, and at other stated seasons?
o you give your aid promptly, efficiently and in the spirit of the gos-
el in maintaining the discipline of the church? Do you exercise that
atchfulness over your fellow Christians and that fidelity in admonish-
ng them when they go astray, that you solemnly engaged to do, when
ou entered into covenant with them? Do you exercise a forbearing,
tender and forgiving disposition towards the infirmities of others?
o you love your fellow Christians as you hope the Savior loves you?
n these ways you will honor the Master. You will promote the wel-
re of the brotherhood. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so ful-
l the law of Christ." Excite one another "to love and good works,"
at when the Master shall come ye "may be found of him without
ot and blameless."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Hampshire in account with their Treasurer—ASA P. TENNEY, *CR.*

1857. Aug. 27.	By balance on last year's account,		$14,06
	Cash from Monadnock Association,		3,75
	Do. balance last year,		1,50
	Belknap Association,		2,00
	Harmony Association,		1,25
	Union Association,		1,50
	Derry Association,		2,25
	Sullivan Association.		3,50
	Manchester Association,		1,75
	Suncook Association,		1,25
1858.	Hollis Association,		3,00
July 28.	Piscataqua Association.		3,00
Aug. 10.	Hopkinton Association for 1857 and 1858,		4,50
			43,31
Jan. 16, 1858.	*DR.* To paid Rev. D. Kimball's account for Minutes, &c.		36,12
	Balance,		7.19

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of the Rev. A. P. Tenney, Treasurer of the New Hampshire General Association, and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

N. BOUTON, AUDITOR.

CONCORD, AUG. 23, 1858.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were presented to the Association, stating that the board had made the usual appropriations; but as the Secretary, Hon. Samuel Morril, has since deceased, the Reports have not reached the Publishing Committee.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION. I.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath school.
					Male.	Female.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	
Alton,	Nov. 17, 1827.	Vacant.			6	17	1	24	14	2	16	0	0	0	0	6	1	50
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804.	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	Sept. 26, 1804.	52	84	62	198	1		1	4	2	0	6	1	5	90
Bristol,		Vacant.			28	53	0	81	2	1	3	0	4	0	4	0	3	60
Campton,		James B. Hadley,	1851.	Pastor elect.	21	43	28	87	3	4	7	2	1	1	4	0	0	100
Centre Harbor,	May 9, 1838.	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	Dec. 23, 1840.	19	33	15	67	7	2	9	0	2	0	2	4	6	40
Danbury,	Feb. 4, 1809.	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848.	March 2, 1855.	24	28	6	58	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	110
Gilmanton Centre,		Roger M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852.	April 27, 1852.	41	65	26	132	12	2	14	6	3	2	11	9	7	90
Gilmanton East,		Vacant.			7	15	5	27	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	
Groton, }	1779.	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823.	s. s. 1845.	11	14	0	25	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	100
Hebron, }					12	29	3	44	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	130
Laconia,	July 26, 1824.	John K. Young,	Sept. 1829.	Nov. 30, 1831.	42	113	34	189	12	1	13	4	5	1	10	8	1	150
Meredith,	Sept. 20, 1815.	Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841.	Jan. 8, 1857.	19	45	2	66	7	3	10	3	3	0	6	5	0	75
Plymouth,	1765.	William R. Jewett,	Jan. 18, 1837.	June 25, 1845.	30	78	36	144	1	1	2	4	7	1	12	0	2	165
Sanbornton,	1771.	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841.	June 24, 1852.	43	87	15	145	20	0	20	4	3	1	8	10	2	135
Thornton,		Vacant.			4	6	0	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total, 15.		Pastors, 9. S. S. 1. Vacant churches 4.			359	710	233	1297	83	22	105	30	34	6	70	45	27	1295

Without charge—Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, ord. Nov. 13, 1806; Enoch Corser, Boscawen; John Clark, Plymouth.
William R. Jewett, Plymouth, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. II.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.			Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
					Males.	Females.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Bethlehem,		Vacant.			13	20	0	33	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Franconia,		Vacant.			5	13	0	18	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Littleton,	1803.	Carey Russell,	Nov. 21, 1838.	S. S. 1858.	35	103	0	138	9	1	10	1	0	0	1	4	0	135
Total, 3.		Pastors, 0. S. S. 1. Vacant churches, 2.			53	136		189	13	1	14	2			2	4		135

Carey Russell, Littleton, Acting Statistical Scribe. **These churches are associated ministerially with churches in Vermont.**

DERRY ASSOCIATION. III.

Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772.	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835.	S. S. 1845.	20	50	24	94	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	0	5	122
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843.	James Holmes,	May, 1842.	Dec. 5, 1849.	20	40	12	72	5	2	7	1	5	0	6	1	2	130
Candia,	1770.	Vacant.			86	126	39	251	0	0	0	4	10	0	14	0	2	200
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731.	Harrison O. Howland,	Dec. 1846.	Aug. 12, 1857.	52	114	38	204	12	7	19	5	5	0	10	6	3	200
Deerfield,	1766.	Uzal W. Condit,	Oct. 23, 1850.	July 10, 1855.	52	85	18	137	14	1	15	1	1	0	2	7	4	100
Derry, 1st church,	1719 and 1810.	Ephraim N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841.	S.S. Aug. 1857.	57	78	24	159	0	2	2	6	4	0	10	0	1	100
Derry, 1st Cong.,	Aug. 3, 1837.	Ebenezer G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837.	Oct. 1, 1851.	26	73	24	123	11	3	14	1	12	0	13	9	1	
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752.	Vacant.			17	50	6	73	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	1	1	120
Plaistow,	1730.	Charles Tenney,	Feb. 7, 1844.	S. S. Ap. 1853.	27	64	10	91	4	0	4	2	2	0	4	1	5	100
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751.	Vacant.			15	49	19	83	4	1	5	0	1	0	2	4	0	150
Raymond,	1791.	Vacant.			59	87	10	156	9	1	10	1	1	0	2	7	2	120
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1740.	William Page,	Dec. 4, 1840.	Dec. 1, 1853.	14	35	3	52	0	2	2	1	2	0	4	0	0	
Windham, Pres.,	1747.	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	Nov. 5, 1845.	50	85	9	144	13	7	20	6	2	0	8	3	4	200
Total, 13.		Pastors, 6. S. S. 3. Vacant churches, 4.			496	936	236	1689	74	36	100	36	49	1	86	39	30	1542

Without Charge—Wm. T. Herrick, Candia, ord. May 28, 1851; **Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield, ord. July 1, 1812;**
Isaac Jones, Derry, ord. Feb. 7, 1816.

Licentiates—Henry L. Boltwood, Principal of Pinkerton Academy, Derry.
Ebenezer G. Parsons, Derry village, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778.	Reuben Kimball,	Jan. 27, 1841.	S. S. Feb. 1856.	15	53	18	86	6	2	8	1	0	5	6	2	1	210		
Effingham,	Reorgan. 1836.	Vacant.			5	18	9	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30		
Farmington,	1819.	Daniel D. Tappan,	Nov. 14, 1826.	S. S. Oct. 1852.	9	27	0	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65		
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815.	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843.	S. S. 1848.	24	55	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75		
Moultonboro', 1st ch	March12,1777.	Vacant.			9	10	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
" 2d ch.,	Sept. 3, 1855.	Vacant.			11	20	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
North Wolfboro',	June 17, 1839.	Stephen Merrill,	June, 1821.	S. S. Nov. 1850.	10	20	17	47	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	2	75		
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806.	Horace Wood,	July 10, 1839.	S.S. May, 1848.	27	38	10	75	4	2	6	0	2	0	2	4	0	120		
Sandwich Corner,	Aug. 1814.	Vacant.			12	23	12	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40		
" North,	June 27, 1832.	Vacant.			7	15	5	27	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	150		
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792.	John H. Merrill,	May 16, 1849.	Aug. 17, 1853.	50	86	23	159	4	2	6	8	1	1	10	1	0	244		
Tuftonboro',	1839.	Vacant.		[1857.	5	12	4	21	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0			
Wakefield,	1785.	Marvin Leffingwell,	1844.	S. S. March 15,	10	26	9	45	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	80		
Wolfboro',	June 17, 1834.	Sumner Clark,	Jan. 1845.	S.S. June, 1856.	16	40	10	66	5	8	8	0	0	0	1	5	0	76		
Total, 14.		Pastors, 1. S. S. 7.	Vacant churches, 6.		210	443	118	771	28	11	36	15	11	1	27	14	4	1165		

Without charge—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth, ord. June 13, 1821; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ord. Nov. 1, 1826; Joshua Dodge, Moultonborough, ord. Dec. 21, 1808; Rev. Thomas L. Ambrose, missionary to Persia.

Licentiates—Wm. H. Kingsbury, Tamworth. Reuben Kimball, Conway, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION. V.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath school.
					Male.	Female.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741.	Josiah G. Davis,	May 22, 1844.	May 22, 1844.	58	133	29	220	10	7	17	7	25	0	32	5	2	265
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795.	Theophilus P. Sawin,	Mar. 19, 1843.	Dec. 11, 1856.	23	32	6	61	19	6	25	3	1	0	4	4	2	180
Hollis,	Before 1743.	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837.	July 7, 1852.	63	122	35	220	11	1	12	7	9	0	16	2	2	212
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772.	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	S.S. May, 1857.	89	62	22	123	13	6	19	3	5	0	8	6	0	135
Mason, 2d church,	June 3, 1847.	Samuel J. Austin,	Feb. 25, 1857.	Feb. 25, 1857.	21	62	36	119	3	5	8	5	1	0	6	0	0	90
Merrimack South,	Oct. 21, 1829.	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	S. S. 1853.	9	20	10	39	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	43
Milford,	1783.	Sylvanus C. Kendall,	Mar. 29, 1854.	April 7, 1858.	74	164	51	289	29	18	42	12	11	1	24	16	1	355
Nashua, Olive st.	1834.	Austin Richards,	Nov. 7, 1827.	April 6, 1836.	82	258	100	440	33	12	45	1	16	0	17	17	1	340
Nashua, 1st ch.	1686.	Charles J. Hill,	Jan. 28, 1857.	Jan. 28, 1857.	106	351	121	581	53	11	64	5	13	0	18	27	5	462
Nashua, Pearl st.	Sept. 3, 1842.	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849.	Feb. 24, 1858.	56	148	28	232	30	19	49	1	17	0	18	14	2	350
New Ipswich, 1st ch.	Oct. 22, 1760.	Samuel Lee,	Nov. 4, 1830.	May 5, 1836.	47	86	25	158	14	0	14	10	12	0	22	9	0	140
" 2d ch.	Oct. 9, 1851.	Vacant.			32	61	10	103	18	2	20	1	0	0	1	4	2	95
Mont Vernon,	Sept. 1780.	Charles E. Lord,	May 6, 1844.	Feb. 7, 1858.	45	90	20	155	5	2	7	4	2	0	6	0	5	150
Rindge,	Dec. 1765.	A. W. Burnham, D.D.,	Nov. 14, 1821.	Nov. 14, 1821.	80	131	37	248	24	3	27	3	4	1	8	11	15	245
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771.	George Goodyear,	July 22, 1828.	Apr. 25, 1855.	30	72	15	117	2	0	2	4	3	0	7	0	2	150
Wilton, 2d Cong.	Dec. 18, 1823.	Ebenezer S. Jordan,	Dec. 17, 1857.	Dec. 17, 1857.	36	57	19	112	5	4	9	1	2	0	3	1	2	175
Total, 16.		Pastors, 13. S. S. 2. Vacant churches, 1.			801	1849	564	3217	269	94	363	69	121	8	198	116	41	3237

Without Charge—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ord. Oct. 13, 1802; Erastus M. Kellogg, Nashua, ord. Oct. 26, 1842; William Clark, Amherst, ord. April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, ord. Oct. 17, 1832.

Licentiates—Milan C. Stebbins, Lancaster, Ms.; Augustus Berry, Mont Vernon.

Daniel Goodwin, Mason, Scribe. Charles J. Hill, Nashua, Statistical Scribe.

Andover,		Vacant.				5	6		11													
Boscawen, 1st,	Oct. 8, 1740.	Ambrose Smith,	July 9, 1850.	June 15, 1853.		43	66	53	162	3	1	4	3	5	0	8	1	6	105			
" 2d,	Sept. 10, 1804.	Edward Buxton,		Dec. 13, 1837.		58	81	30	169	30	1	31	2	0	0	2	10	18	160			
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803.	Vacant.				16	25	10	51	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	none			
Canterbury,	Unknown.	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	Nov. 22, 1843.		43	81	32	124	10	1	11	2	4	0	6	5	1				
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842.	Vacant.				28	60	22	110	9	2	11	1	2	0	3	1	1	75			
" 1st,	Nov. 18, 1730.	N. Bouton, D. D.	Mar. 23, 1825.	Mar. 23, 1825.		47	150	51	248	14	9	23	2	6	0	8	3	2	175			
" South,	Feb. 1, 1837.	Henry E. Parker,	Mar. 13, 1849.	May 14, 1851.		81	161	50	292	12	5	17	4	12	0	16	6	5	275			
" West,	April 25, 1828.	Asa P. Tenney,	June, 1828.	April 23, 1833.		70	133	41	203	14	0	14	3	2	1	6	5	0	125			
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850.	Albert W. Fiske,	May 8, 1833.	May 20, 1857.		27	53	5	80	3	8	11	2	1	0	3	2	4	137			
Franklin,	June 11, 1822.	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838.	Sept. 4, 1849.		26	89	0	115	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	140			
Henniker,	June 7, 1769.	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845.	Feb. 26, 1851.		49	116	41	165	6	2	8	4	2	2	8	3	1	194			
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815.	Vacant.				9	18	6	33	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	67			
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757.	M. B. Angier,	June 8, 1853.	June 8, 1858.		73	97	25	195	2	3	5	5	0	0	5	0	3	130			
Northf. & Sanb. Br.	July 18, 1822.	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	Oct. 5, 1843.		47	111	28	158	7	1	8	1	2	0	3	4	2	130			
Pembroke,	1808.	Lewis Goodrich,	May 13, 1857.	May 13, 1857.		40	103	31	143	21	2	23	3	3	2	8	8	2	167			
Salisbury,	Nov. 17, 1773.	Horatio Merrill,	May 25, 1845.	Mar. 17, 1858.		21	47	5	73	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	110			
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772.	Daniel Warren,	Dec. 7, 1825.	Oct. 21, 1857.		29	70	10	99	0	1	1	1	7	0	8	0	1	80			
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829.	J. M. Cross,	Licentiate.	S. S.		14	19	5	33	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	30			
Total, 19		Pastors, 14. S. S. 1. Vacant churches, 4.				726	1486	445	2464	142	36	178	36	51	5	91	52	52	2100			

Without Charge—Ebenezer Price, ord. Sept. 26, 1804; William Patrick, Boscawen, ord. Oct. 26, 1803; Benj. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ord. May 26, 1831.

Licentiate—J. Morrison Cross, Andover. Ambrose Smith, Boscawen, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. VII.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.			Baptisms.		Sabbath school.
					Male.	Female.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	
Colebrook,	Dec. 4, 1802.	Horace Pratt,		Stated supply.	18	32	6	56	7	0	7	1	1	0	2	4	0	105
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Thomas Hall,	Sept. 28, 1825.	Stated supply.	5	14	7	26	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	70
Lancaster,		Prescott Fay,	Feb. 27, 1856.	Feb. 27, 1856.	37	91	10	138	37	8	45	2	7	0	9	19	5	130
Stewartstown & vic.	July 1, 1846.	Joseph B. Hill,	Aug. 12, 1830.	Stated supply.	15	24	4	43	6	8	14	1	2	0	3	3	5	60
Total, 4.		Pastors, 1. S. S. 3.			75	161	27	263	50	16	66	6	11		17	26	10	365

Prescott Fay, Lancaster, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION. VIII.

Bedford, Pres.	1750	Thomas Savage,	August, 1822.	July 6, 1826.	42	103	6	151	10	1	11	5	4	0	9	4	5	200
Dunbarton,	1789.	John M. Putnam,	Dec. 13, 1820.	July 8, 1830.	30	58	17	105	0	4	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	150
Goffstown,	1801.	John W. Ray,	Jan. 28, 1858.	S. S. 1857.	32	78	14	124	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	6	1	184
Hudson,	1841.	Daniel L. French,	Oct. 21, 1840.	S.S. Nov. 1852.	13	39	5	59	0	3	3	1	5	1	7	0	0	70
Hooksett,	1828.	Enoch H. Caswell,	June 28, 1848.	S. S. 1857.	11	32	16	59	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	40
Londonderry Pres.,	1755.	William House,	October, 1857.	October, 1857.	62	117	30	209	16	3	19	4	1	0	5	10	1	250
Litchfield Pres.,	Re-organ. 1844	Ebenezer Newhall,	Jan. 17, 1824.	Sept. 1854.	5	15	0	20	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	50
Manchester 1st ch.,	1828	Cyrus W. Wallace,	January, 1840.	January, 1840.	101	265	59	425	50	26	76	7	7	0	14	26	8	445
" 2d ch.,	1844.	Vacant.			42	104	82	228	16	9	25	0	27	0	27	16	7	325
Christ. Miss. ch.,	1852.	Lyman Marshall,	October, 1856.	S.S. Apr. 1856.	10	36	15	61	14	6	20	2	5	0	7	6	8	155
Merrimack,	1771	Edwin J. Hart,	January, 1856.	Jan. 1, 1856.	62	112	27	201	11	4	15	5	7	0	12	4	7	178
Total, 11.		Pastors, 6. S. S. 4.	Vacant churches, 1.		410	959	271	1642	128	59	187	25	58	1	84	73	37	2047

Without Charge—George A. Bowman, Manchester, ord. Aug. 9, 1848.
Licentiates—George A. Putnam.
Cyrus W. Wallace, Manchester, Scribe; E. Newhall, Litchfield, Acting Statistical Scribe.

Alstead, 1st church,	1777.	Vacant.			9	22	30	61	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	1	65
" East,	1788.	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, 1829.	June 16, 1852.	27	44	28	99	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	1	104
" Paper Mill,	1842.	Nathaniel F. Goodhue,		S. S. 1858.	4	4	8	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40
Chesterfield,	1771.	Jeffries Hall,	June 5, 1833.	S. S. 1858.	8	18	0	26	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50
Dublin,	1772.	Edward F. Abbott,	Aug. 19, 1846.	Dec. 12, 1855.	10	19	7	36	5	0	5	1	3	0	4	3	2	82
Fitzwilliam,	1771.	John Woods,	June 22, 1814.	S. S. 1854.	45	88	25	158	1	6	7	4	10	0	14	1	3	200
Gilsum,	1772.	Ezra Adams,	April 28, 1840.	Mar. 19, 1851.	16	23	2	41	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	85
Hinsdale,	1821.	Moses H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.	May 1, 1856.	33	60	13	106	11	1	12	0	9	0	9	6	7	120
Jaffrey,	1780.	John S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20, 1858.	S. S. 1858.	23	67	30	120	4	2	6	0	9	0	9	0	0	130
Jaffrey, East,	1850.	Franklin D. Austin,	June 23, 1853	S. S. 1858.	17	48	8	73	4	11	15	2	0	0	2	2	2	75
Keene,	1738.	Zed. S. Barstow, D. D.,	July 1, 1818.	July 1, 1818.	68	212	0	280	11	12	23	5	7	0	12	8	9	430
Marlborough,	1778.	Giles Lyman,	Jan. 11, 1832.	S. S. 1840.	36	72	0	108	13	2	15	1	3	0	4	5	4	180
Nelson,	1781.	Adonijah H. Cutter,	June 2, 1841.	S. S. 1857.	32	42	0	74	15	3	18	3	0	0	3	8	1	120
Harrisville,	1840.	William G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	April 16, 1851.	11	19	18	48	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	3	75
Roxbury,	1816.	Thomas W. Duncan,	June 13, 1821.	S. S. 1858.	6	11	0	17	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	40
Stoddard,	1787.	Nathaniel W. Sheldon,		S. S. 1858.	3	17	5	25	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50
Sullivan,	1791.	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1846.	Feb. 4, 1846.	31	53	7	91	1	0	1	3	5	0	8	1	3	175
Surry,	1769.	Vacant.			2	9	2	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	none
Swanzey,	1741.	J. G. Wilson,		S. S. 1858.	16	37	3	56	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	75
Troy,	1815.	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	March 5, 1845.	17	38	15	70	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	3	0	150
Walpole,	1761.	John M. Stowe,	Jan. 31, 1855.	Jan. 31, 1855.	22	71	7	100	7	9	16	0	3	0	3	2	0	110
Westmoreland,	1764.	Charles Greenwood,	Nov. 5, 1857.	Nov. 5, 1857.	27	60	10	97	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	50
" Evangel.	1853.	Oscar Bissell,	May 14, 1856.	May 14, 1856.	5	15	4	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70
Winchester,	1736.	John P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	Feb. 3, 1847.	51	100	28	179	11	9	20	3	8	1	12	3	9	195
Total, 24.	12 Pastors.	10 Stated Supplies.	2 vacant churches.		619	1149	240	1918	87	56	143	37	84	1	122	40	47	2671

Without Charge—Rev. Gad Newell, Nelson, ord. June 11, 1794; Rev. Edwin Jennison, Walpole, ord. Aug. 7, 1831.
Licentiate—John S. Batchelder, Jaffrey. John P. Humphrey, Winchester, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION. X.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
					Males.	Females.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Bath,	1778.	Silas M. Blanchard,	Oct. 27, 1853.	S.S. Apr. 1857.	35	89	29	153	16	2	18	0	3	0	3	8	9	225
Canaan,	1803.	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828.	S. S. Aug. 20,	10	23	7	40	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	40
Haverhill,*	Oct. 13, 1790.	Vacant.		[1853.	45	121	45	211	20	6	26	2	18	0	20	13	4	150
Hanover Centre,	May 16, 1810.	John Adams,	June, 1841.	S. S. 1857.	19	36	34	89	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	78
Lyme,	May 22, 1771.	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 5, 1831.	Jan. 5, 1831.	139	242	36	381	11	4	15	4	6	0	10	9	2	276
Orford,	April 30, 1822.	Windsor A. Smith,	Dec. 12, 1839.	Sept. 2, 1857.	17	44	23	84	5	2	7	3	15	1	19	4	2	150
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770.	Luther B. Whittemore,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1858.	15	53	20	88	6	4	10	0	2	0	2	5	1	50
Piermont,	Mar. 10, 1803.	Increase S. Davis,	Oct. 9, 1828.	S.S. Apr. 1840.	51	74	16	141	0	0	0	4	6	0	10	5	0	65
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830.	Vacant.			9	21	5	35	8	3	11	0	0	0	0	5	0	100
Total, 9.	Pastors, 2.	Stated Supplies, 5.	Vacant churches, 2.		340	703	215	1222	66	24	90	14	54	1	69	49	19	1134

Without Charge—Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., ord. Evan. 1809; Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ord. May 22, 1816; Enos Merrill, Orford.

Licentiates—Luther B. Whittemore, Orfordville; Prof. Edwin D. Sanborn, Hanover, Nov. 1, 1836. Windsor A. Smith, Orford, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

* North Haverhill is now included with Haverhill.

Barrington,	June '8, 1755.	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845	June 11, 1845	14	28	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Brentwood,	Reorgan. 1756.	Hugh McLeod,	June 27, 1855	S. S. 1857.	16	44	13	73	12	1	13	2	0	0	2	6	0	125	
Dover, 1st church,	January, 1 9.	Elias H. Richardson,	May 18, 1854.	Dec. 10, 1856.	53	140	119	312	11	4	15	10	5	0	15	5	4	256	
" Belknap ch.	Sept. 4, 1856.	Benjamin H. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1847.	Sept. 4, 1856.	16	55	6	77	14	2	16	2	1	0	3	6	0	137	
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718.	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	Nov. 20, 1833	10	54	10	74	7	0	7	0	2	0	2	6	1	81	
Exeter, 1st church,	1698.	Nathaniel Lasell,	May, 1849.	June 19, 1856.	49	93	0	142	24	7	31	6	9	0	15	15	8	125	
" 2d church,	January, 1744.	O. T. Lamphear,	Oct. 25, 1349.	Feb. 2, 1858.	26	97	0	123	10	0	10	2	0	0	2	8	2	100	
Epping,	Dec. 17, 1747.	Josiah H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844.	S. S 1857.	16	23	1	40	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	3	136	
Great Falls, 1st ch.	Jan. 16, 1827.	George N. Anthony,	Oct. 3, 1855.	Oct. 3, 1855.	44	100	48	198	29	10	39	1	27	1	29	29	6	230	
" 2d ch.	July 20, 1857.	Elias Chapman,	Nov. 26, 1845	S. S 1857.	6	26	5	37	3	6	9	1	2	0	3	3	5	130	
Greenland,	July, 1706.	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852.	8	38	4	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	
Hampton,	1638.	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855.	Oct. 31, 1855.	67	127	24	218	53	3	56	9	1	2	12	22	1	100	
Hamp. Falls & Sea-	July 12, 1836.	George W. Thompson,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1858.	13	17	18	48	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	
Kingston, [brook,	Sept. 29, 1725.	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855.	Feb. 14, 1855.	18	45	0	63	0	0	0	4	1	1	6	0	0		
Newcastle,	1671.	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, 1825.	S. S. Apr. 1846.	9	29	0	38	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	164	
Newmarket,	Mar. 27, 1828.	Vacant.			20	32	11	63	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	1	0	75	
North Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739.	John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1852	Nov. 18, 1852	63	89	18	170	6	0	6	3	0	0	3	1	3	205	
Portsmouth,	1671.	Lyman Whiting,	Jan. 11, 1843	Nov. 1. 1855.	61	199	38	298	25	7	32	9	12	0	21	6	6	214	
Rochester,	1730.	James M. Palmer,	May 23, 1854.	S. S. 1858.	18	80	0	98	19	5	24	2	0	0	2	9	0	75	
Rye,	July 10, 1726.	Israel T. Otis,	June 10, 1835.	Aug. 4, 1847.	31	76	0	107	11	0	11	3	0	0	3	2	1		
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1845.	Dana B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838.	Aug. 11, 1858.	19	62	50	131	1	2	3	1	17	0	18	0	1	110	
South Newmarket,	1730.	Winthrop Fifield,	May 10, 1837.	S. S. Feb. 1852.	13	18	7	38	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	3	1	60	
Stratham,		William S. Smith,	April, 1854.	S. S 1857.	15	28	3	46	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Total, 23. Pastors, 13. Stated Supply, 11. Missionaries, 3 Vacant churches, 1.					605	1500	375	2480	237	56	293	58	79	4	141	124	35	2348	
At mission stations within the bounds of the Association,								5										150	
								2485										2498	

This Association maintains preaching at East Kingston, Nottingham, Kensington, Lee and Newington. Asa Mann, ord. 1844, missionary at Newington. Mason Moore, Lic., missionary at Lee. Wm. W. Merriam, Lic., missionary at Kensington. At these stations 5 church members are reported and 150 Sabbath School scholars.

Without Charge—Charles Dame, ord. May 21, 1839, and Jacob Cummings, ord. May 24, 1834, Exeter;
Jonathan Ward, ord. Sept. 28, 1796, Brentwood.
Edward Robie, Greenland, Scribe. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, acting Statistical Scribe.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION. XII.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
					Males.	Females.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Acworth,	Mar. 23, 1773.	Amos Foster,	Mar. 2, 1825.	Feb. 18, 1857.	62	97	21	180	0	0	0	5	7	0	12	0	5	75
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835.	Samuel G. Tenney,	June 29, 1825.	S.S. May, 1858.	17	45	20	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Claremont,	Uncertain. '70?	Robert F. Lawrence,	Jan. 29, 1835.	Jan. 16, 1839.	71	169	51	240	18	7	25	5	5	0	10	9	1	135
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768.	Alva Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	Oct. 1, 1835.	21	34	20	75	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	75
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778.	Ira Case,	Nov. 30, 1852.	S.S. Nov. 1857.	11	17	5	33	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805.	John Richards, D. D.	Nov. 28, 1827.	April 2, 1842.	93	150	113	243	30	6	36	2	7	0	9	13	11	125
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802.	Henry Richardson,	Nov. 23, 1850.	S.S. Mar. 1850.	14	24	12	50	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	50
Enfield,	May 30, 1826.	William S. Thompson,	Licentiate.	S.S. Feb. 1858.	5	12	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Langdon,	1792.	Josiah L. Armes,	June 25, 1846.	S. S. 1857.	12	28	0	40	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	75
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768.	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849.	Nov. 22, 1849.	48	100	0	148	7	6	13	4	8	0	12	2	1	125
Lempster, 1st,	Nov. 13, 1781.	Robert W. Fuller,	Jan. 16, 1841.	S.S. July, 1856.	32	42	6	74	5	0	5	1	3	0	4	4	0	80
" 2d,	Feb. 1, 1837.				6	11	6	23	3	0	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	75
Meriden,	May 2, 1780.	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831.	Jan. 8, 1840.	19	39	39	97	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	0	2	50
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779.	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851.	July 16, 1851.	93	168	54	261	4	3	7	6	4	0	10	2	8	180
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804.	Jacob Scales,	Dec. 27, 1820.	S. S. Oct. 1842.	6	28	7	41	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	35
Washington,	May 9, 1789.	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828.	S.S. July, 1844.	6	28	3	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849.	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842.	June 26, 1851.	40	63	5	108	0	4	4	1	5	0	6	0	2	100
Total, 17.		Pastors, 8. S. S. 8. Vacant church, 1.			556	1055	362	1736	69	29	98	30	48	2	80	30	30	1315

Without Charge—Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., ord. May 3, 1837; John N. Putnam, ord. Oct. 6, 1852; David Kimball, ord. June 22, 1822; Elihu T. Rowe, ord. May 29, 1845; Charles B. Haddock, D. D., ord. Nov. 3, 1824; Broughton White, Acworth, (not associated,) ord. June 10, 1818.

Licentiate—Cyrus S. Richards, 1846.

SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION. XIII.

Chichester,	1791.	Joshua S. Gay,	1848.	S.S. Aug. 1857.	25	38	41	104	8	1	9	2	2	1	5	5	0	117
Epsom,	1761.	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845.	S. S. 1857.	27	52	10	89	4	5	9	3	2	0	5	4	1	100
Gilmanton, 1st ch.		Vacant.			7	15	7	29	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
" Iron Works,	1830.	Jairus Ordway,	April 26, 1848.	S. S.	28	47	25	100	1	5	6	2	3	0	5	0	0	70
Loudon, 1st ch.	1789.	Enoch Corser,	March 5, 1817.	S. S.	24	57	9	90	0	0	0	7	0	1	8	0	0	60
" 2d ch.	1828.	Vacant.			10	21	8	39	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	
Northwood,	1798.	Vacant.			46	68	6	120	1	1	2	4	7	0	11	1	4	
Nottingham,				S. S.	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Pittsfield,	1789.	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850.	Dec. 12, 1854.	67	134	43	204	8	0	8	4	4	0	8	5	7	100
Total, 9.		Pastors, 1. S. S. 5.		Vacant churches, 3.	235	435	149	779	22	12	34	28	20	2	50	15	12	447

Licentiate—James T. Clarke, Andover, Ms.

J. Augustine Hood, Pittsfield, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

UNION ASSOCIATION. XIV.

Antrim, Pres.	August, 1788.	John H. Bates,	Mar. 16, 1853.	Mar. 16, 1853.	48	98	24	165	1	4	5	5	2	0	7	0	4	150
Bennington,	July 10, 1839.	Daniel McClenning,		S. S. 1857.	14	44	2	60	14	4	18	2	0	0	2	8	8	80
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788.	Asahel Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828.	May 15, 1850.	45	87	27	159	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	1	229
Deering,	1789.	Vacant.			9	21	7	37	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50
Hillsboro' Centre,	1772.	Rodney G. Dennis,	Oct. 4, 1820.	S. S. 1858.	32	54	27	86	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	85
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 29, 1839.	Harry Brickett,	Jan. 28, 1858.	S. S.	16	47	5	68	9	5	14	2	0	0	2	8	7	163
Greenfield, 1st ch.	Sept. 7, 1792.	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836.	S.S. Nov. 1849.	37	70	10	117	8	0	8	3	2	0	5	4	0	130
" Evan. ch.	Sept. 7, 1791.	Jonathan McGee,	Jan. 13, 1819.	S. S. Jan. 1851.	33	52	33	118	9	0	9	2	0	0	2	8	8	80
Francestown,	1773.	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857.	Nov. 18, 1857.	95	190	55	330	11	5	16	9	7	0	16	4	12	400
New Boston, Pres.	1768.	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842.	Oct. 31, 1855.	52	113	32	197	10	3	13	3	8	0	11	2	5	225
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757.	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.	Sept. 30, 1846.	40	60	13	113	19	4	23	5	0	0	5	14	2	140
Peterboro', Re-org.	April 21, 1858.	Alfred Goldsmith,	July 13, 1837.	S. S.	24	52	0	76	2	9	11	2	0	0	2	2	0	120
Total, 12.		Pastors, 5. S. S. 6.		Vacant church, 1.	440	888	235	1526	85	34	119	39	24	0	63	52	48	1852

Jonathan McGee, Greenfield, Scribe. E. B. Claggett, Lyndeborough, acting Statistical Scribe.

SUMMARY

Associations.	Ministers.				Churches.		Church Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removed 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Pastors.	Stated Sup.	Wt. C.	Total.	Vacant.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Belknap,	9	1	3	13	4	15	359	710	233	1297	83	22	105	30	34	6	70	45	27	1295
Caledonia,	0	1	0	1	2	3	53	136	0	189	13	1	14	2	0	0	2	4	0	135
Derry,	6	3	3	12	4	13	496	936	236	1639	74	26	100	36	49	1	86	39	30	1542
Harmony,	1	7	3	11	6	14	210	443	118	771	25	11	36	15	11	1	27	14	4	1165
Hollis,	13	2	4	19	1	16	801	1849	564	3217	269	94	363	69	121	3	193	116	41	3337
Hopkinton,	14	1	3	18	4	19	726	1486	445	2464	142	36	178	36	51	5	91	52	52	2100
Lancaster,	1	3	0	4	0	4	75	161	27	263	50	16	66	6	11	0	17	26	10	365
Manchester,	6	4	1	11	1	11	410	959	271	1642	128	59	187	25	58	1	84	73	37	2047
Monadnock,	12	10	2	24	2	24	519	1149	240	1918	87	56	143	37	84	1	122	40	47	2671
Orange,	2	5	3	10	2	9	340	703	215	1222	66	24	90	14	54	1	69	49	19	1134
Piscataqua,	14	13	3	30	1	23	605	1500	375	2485	237	56	293	58	79	4	141	124	35	2498
Sullivan,	8	8	5	21	1	17	556	1055	362	1736	69	29	98	30	48	2	80	30	30	1315
Suncook,	1	4	1	6	3	9	234	432	149	775	22	12	34	28	20	2	50	15	12	447
Union,	5	6	0	11	1	12	440	888	235	1526	85	34	119	39	24	0	63	52	48	1852
Total, 14.	92	68	31	191	32	189	5824	12,407	3470	21,244	1350	476	1826	424	644	27	1095	679	392	21903

EXPLANATIONS AND REMARKS.

For the first time in many years *returns* have been secured from all the churches connected with the General Association of this State. In many cases dates and names are imperfectly reported; the importance of these facts to the completeness of our minutes is not realized, and after much care and labor on the part of the Secretary the tabular statements are seriously deficient. As the authority for dates of church organization has not been given, I have not attempted to discriminate by *italics* those which are furnished from original sources. "*Ordained*" in the tables indicates the date on which the person was first set apart to the ministry; "*installed*," the date of his present relation to the church to which he ministers as pastor or stated supply. By "males" and "females," the *resident* members of each sex or the local strength of the church should be expressed; "*absentees*" embrace all others, living and worshipping elsewhere. As this distinction was not uniformly observed, the sum of the columns, marked as above, will not correspond with the sum of the "*Totals.*" The absentees in a few instances having been numerated in the columns of *males* and *females*, before they were distinguished from the resident membership. This source of confusion can readily be detected in the returns which are printed in the reports of the Associations. While it impairs the value of the results which might be deduced from the columns of *males* and *females* in the summary, the remaining columns are not affected by it.

The returns, of Church Membership, Baptisms and Sabbath Schools, are for the year ending August 1, 1858. Names of ministers and changes in the pastoral office have been corrected until the 1st Oct. The catalogue is probably incomplete; the names, P. O. address and ministerial connection of clergymen are given so far as they could be obtained from reliable sources. This new feature of the minutes will repay whatever care is required in its preparation.

CHURCHES.—The whole number reported is 189, Unity, which has only a nominal existence, being omitted this year. Of thirty-three churches without pastors, eleven are temporarily destitute, the remainder need assistance in maintaining the ordinances of public worship. Sixty-two churches secure the services of preachers who are employed by the year, and ninety-six, little more than half, enjoy the regular ministrations of settled pastors. The reported membership of several of the older churches has been much reduced by the revision of their lists, so as to represent only persons known to be living. Until this work of revision shall be general and thorough, we must wait for the data from which to deduce accurate estimates respecting the progress of religion within our limits.

MINISTERS.—The whole number on the catalogue is 199; [of whom 7 are connected with the Presbytery of Londonderry, 156 are employed as Pastors or Stated Supplies, 2 labor on missionary fields, 2 are Missionary Agents of the N. H. H. M. Society, 1 is agent of N. H. Bible Society, 1 acts as Editor and Secretary of the Home Missionary Society, 7 are professors or teachers, 14 have retired from

active service because of age, 9 are disabled, 7 are engaged in mechanical or agricultural pursuits.

Sabbath Schools.—The returns are necessarily defective. Several of the District Associations have appointed faithful Statistical Scribes, who have exhibited a commendable zeal in the cause; in others the subject has not received general attention. If the churches shall adopt the recommendations of the General Association, see page 9, and the District Associations will comply with the rules provided for the collection and return of statistics, see page 6, the tables appended to the published minutes will then present intelligible and satisfactory statements.

In respect to the direction of the Secretary on the blank sent to the Pastors for statistical returns, observe, "Absentees are to be included in the total," means that *resident* males are to be entered in the column for males, and *resident* females in the column for females; next, all the absentees, whether male or female, entered in the column for absentees; and then, the sum of males, females, and absentees, entered in the column for total.

With sincere thanks to those who have been my helpers, both ministers and laymen, and especially to Dr. Richards in revising the proofs, I submit the preceding reports.

In the column of Ordinations, in a few instances dates have been taken from printed records; but as these do not always distinguish between ordination and installation, errors may be detected, which it is hoped will be promptly reported to the Statistical Secretary.

J. G. DAVIS, Statistical Secretary.

Amherst, October 12, 1858.

ALPHABETICAL CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New Hampshire, with their Post-Office address.

The Numbers refer to District Associations.

Adams, Ezra	9	*Gilsum.*
Adams, John	10	*Hanover Centre.*
Alden, Lucius	11	*New Castle.*
Angier, Marshall B.	6	*Hopkinton.*
Anthony, George N.	11	*Great Falls.*
Armes, Josiah L.	12	*Langdon.*
Austin, Franklin D.	9	*Jaffrey East.*
Austin, Samuel J.	5	*Mason Village.*
Barker, Nathaniel	11	*Wakefield.*
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D. D.	9	*Keene.*
Bartley, John M. C., Pres.	3	*Hampstead.*
Batchelder, John S.	9	*Jaffrey.*
Bates, John S., Pres.	14	*Antrim.*
Benson, Almon	1	*Centre Harbor.*
Bigelow, Asahel	14	*Hancock.*
Bissell, Oscar	9	*Westmoreland.*

ıard, Amos	12	*Meriden.*
hard, Silas M.	10	*Bath.*
ell, Abraham	1	*Sanbornton*
n, Nathaniel, D. D.	5	*Concord.*
ell, James	1	*Sanbornton.*
an, George A., Pres.	8	*Manchester.*
ord, Dana B.	11	*Salmon Falls.*
ett, Harry	14	*Hillsborough Bridge.*
ıam, Amos W., D. D.	5	*Rindge.*
ıam, Charles	1	*Meredith.*
ın, Edward	6	*Boscawen West.*
Ira	12	*Croydon.*
Rufus	12	*West Lebanon.*
ll, Enoch H.	8	*Hooksett.*
nan, Elias	11	*Great Falls.*
ett, Erastus B.	14	*Lyndeborough.*
, John	1	*Plymouth.*
, Sumner	4	*Wolfborough.*
, William	5	*Amherst.*
ell, Elliot C.. Pres.	14	*New Boston.*
, John	11	*Hampton.*
ıt, Liba	1	*Hebron.*
t, Uzal W.	3	*Deerfield.*
r, Enoch	13	*Loudon.*
, J. Morrison	6	*Andover.*
ıings, Henry	12	*Newport.*
ıings, Jacob	11	*Exeter.*
e, Corban	6	*Sanbornton Bridge.*
, Charles	14	*Francestown.*
r, Adonijah H.	9	*Nelson.*
, Charles	11	*Exeter.*
, Increase S.	10	*Piermont.*
, Josiah G.	5	*Amherst.*
Pliny B.	5	*Hollis.*
s, Rodney G.	14	*Hillsborough Centre.*
ıore, John	11	*North Hampton.*
, Joshua	4	*Moultonborough.*
, James	4	*Milton*
s, Charles A.	12	*Lebanon.*
ın, Thomas W.	9	*Roxbury.*
, Joseph M. R.	6	*Henniker.*
ıon, Noah	5	*Hollis.*
ll, John E.	3	*Pelham.*
Prescott	7	*Lancaster.*
l, Winthrop	11	*South Newmarket.*
Albert W.	6	*Fisherville.*
t, Walter	5	*Temple.*
, Amos	12	*Acworth.*
h, Daniel L.	8	*Hudson.*

Fuller, Robert W.	**12**	***Lempster.***
Gay, Joshua S.	**13**	***Chichester.***
George, Enos	**1**	***Barnstead.***
Gerould, Moses	**10**	***Canaan.***
Goldsmith; Alfred	**14**	***Groton, Ms.***
Goodhue, Daniel	**1**	***Danbury.***
Goodhue, Nathaniel F.	**9**	***Alstead Paper Mill.***
Goodrich, Lewis	**6**	***Pembroke.***
Goodwin, Daniel	**5**	***Mason.***
Goodyear, George	**5**	***Temple.***
Greeley, Edward H.	**5**	***Nashua.***
Greenwood, Charles	**9**	***Westmoreland.***
Griswold, John F.	**12**	***Washington.***
Haddock, Charles B., D. D.	**12**	***West Lebanon.***
Hadley, James B.	**1**	***Campton.***
Hall, Jeffries	**9**	***Chesterfield.***
Hall, Thomas	**7**	***Dalton.***
Hart, Edwin J.	**8**	***Merrimack.***
Herrick, William T.	**8**	***Candia.***
Hidden, Ephraim N.	**8**	***Derry.***
Hill, Charles J.	**5**	***Nashua.***
Hill, Joseph B.	**7**	***Stewartstown.***
Hills, James	**5**	***Hollis.***
Holmes, James	**8**	***Auburn.***
Hood, Jacob A.	**13**	***Pittsfield.***
House, William, Pres.	**8**	***Londonderry.***
Howland, Harrison O.	**8**	***Chester.***
Humphrey, John P.	9	*Winchester.*
Jennison, Edwin	9	*Walpole.*
Jewett, John E. B.	9	*Jaffrey.*
Jewett, Leonard	5	*Hollis.*
Jewett, William R.	1	*Plymouth.*
Jones, Isaac	3	*Derry.*
Jordan, Ebenezer S.	5	*Wilton.*
Kendall, Henry A.	6	*Concord.*
Kendall, Sylvanus C.	9	*Milford.*
Kellogg, Erastus M.	5	*Nashua.*
Kimball, David	12	*Hanover.*
Kimball, Reuben	4	*Conway.*
Kingsbury, Samuel	4	*Tamworth.*
Lamphear, Orpheus T.	11	*Exeter.*
Lasell, Nathaniel	11	*Exeter.*
Lawrence, Robert F.	12	*Claremont.*
LeBosquet, John	14	*Greenfield.*
Lee. Samuel	5	*New Ipswich.*
Leffingwell, Marvin	11	*Wakefield.*
Lord, Charles E.	5	*Mont Vernon.*
Lord, Nathan, D. D.	10	*Hanover.*
Lyman, Giles	9	*Marlborough.*

nning, Daniel	14	*Bennington.*
, Jonathan	14	*Greenfield.*
d, Hugh	11	*Brentwood.*
Asa	11	*Exeter.*
ng, Abel	6	*East Concord.*
ll, Lyman	8	*Manchester.*
, John H.	11	*Kingston.*
m, William M.	11	*Kensington.*
l, Enos	10	*Orford.*
l, Horatio	6	*Salisbury.*
l, John H.	4	*Tamworth.*
l, Stephen	4	*North Wolfborough.*
Tobias H.	11	*Portsmouth.*
, Howard	6	*Canterbury.*
Humphrey, D. D.	5	*Milford.*
Mason,	11	*Lee.*
, Gad	9	*Nelson.*
ll, Ebenezer, Pres.	8	*Litchfield.*
, Thomas S.	9	*Sullivan.*
Daniel J., D. D.	12	*Hanover.*
y, Jairus	13	*Gilmanton Iron Works.*
srael T.	11	*Rye.*
Jesse	3	*Atkinson.*
William	3	*Salem.*
, James M.	11	*Rochester.*
, Henry E.	6	*Concord.*
s, Benjamin F.	11	*Dover.*
s, Ebenezer G.	3	*Derry.*
c, William	6	*Boscawen.*
Horace	7	*Colebrook.*
Ebenezer	6	*Boscawen West.*
n, John M.	8	*Dunbarton.*
n, John N.	12	*Hanover.*
John W.	8	*Goffstown.*
ds, Austin	5	*Nashua.*
ds, Cyrus S.	12	*Meriden.*
ds, John, D. D.	12	*Hanover.*
dson, Elias H.	11	*Dover.*
dson, Henry	12	*Goshen.*
Edward	11	*Greenland.*
Elihu T.	12	*Meriden.*
, Carey	2	*Littleton.*
, William	5	*New Ipswich.*
n, Edwin D.	10	*Hanover.*
t, Roger M.	1	*Gilmanton.*
, Thomas, Pres.	8	*Bedford.*
, William T.	6	*Franklin.*
Thomas P.	5	*Brookline.*
, Daniel	5	*South Merrimack.*

Scales, Jacob	12	*Plainfield.*
Sheldon, Nathaniel W.	9	*Stoddard.*
Shepard, John W.	5	*Nashua.*
Shurtleff, Roswell, D. D.	10	*Hanover.*
Smith, Ambrose	6	*Boscawen.*
Smith, Bezaleel	9	*East Alstead.*
Smith, William S.	11	*Stratham.*
Smith, Windsor A.	10	*Orford.*
Spaulding, Alva	12	*Cornish.*
Stearns, Josiah H.	11	*Epping.*
Stone, Benjamin P. D. D.	6	*Concord.*
Stowe, John M.	9	*Walpole.*
Tappan, Daniel D.	4	*Farmington.*
Tenney, Asa P.	6	*Concord West.*
Tenney, Charles	3	*Plaistow.*
Temy, Erdix	10	*Lyme.*
Thayer, Loren, Pres.	3	*Windham.*
Thompson, George W.	11	*Stratham.*
Tobey, Alvan	11	*Durham.*
Townsend, Luther	9	*Troy.*
Tuttle, William G.	9	*Harrisville.*
Wallace, Cyrus W.	8	*Manchester.*
Ward, Jonathan	11	*Brentwood.*
Warren, Daniel	6	*Warner.*
Wells, Moses H.	9	*Hinsdale.*
Wells, Nathaniel	3	*Deerfield.*
Wells, Theodore	11	*Barrington.*
White, Broughton	12	*Acworth.*
White, Seneca	5	*Amherst.*
Whiting, Lyman	11	*Portsmouth.*
Willey, Charles	13	*Epsom.*
Willey, Isaac	8	*Goffstown.*
Wilson, John G.	9	*Swanzey.*
Wood, Horace	4	*Ossipee Centre.*
Woods, John	9	*Fitzwilliam.*
Young, John K.	1	*Laconia.*

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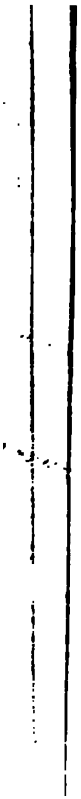

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THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE assembled in the Congregational Church in Boscawen, on Tuesday, August 23, 1859, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a *Concio ad Clerum*, by the Rev. J. G. Davis, of Amherst, from Isaiah 54: 2, 3.

After sermon the preacher took the chair. Credentials of DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS and FOREIGN BODIES were presented, and the following persons enrolled as members:

Belknap,—R. Parkinson, Charles Burnham, R. M. Sargent.

Caledonia,—*None.*

Derry,—E. N. Hidden, H. O. Howland.

Harmony,—Nathaniel Barker.

Hollis,—George Goodyear, Charles J. Hill.

Hopkinton,—A. W. Fiske, Howard Moody, Lewis Goodrich, Horatio Merrill.

Lancaster,—Joseph B. Hill.

Manchester,—Isaac Willey, John W. Ray.

Monadnock,—Z. S. Barstow, D. D., F. D. Austin, Luther Townsend, Bezaleel Smith.

Orange,—Increase S. Davis, S. M. Blanchard.

Piscataqua,—Jacob Cummings, Winthrop Fifield, John Colby.

Sullivan,—Amos Blanchard, R. M. Fuller, Amos Foster.

Suncook,—J. S. Day, J. A. Hood.

Union,—Charles Cutler, John LeBosquet.

General Conference of Maine,—Hiram Houston.

General Association of Massachusetts,—A. H. Quint, J. F. Norton.

General Association of Connecticut,—D. M. Elwood.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island,—D. M. Elwood.

General Association of New-York,—Ray Palmer, D. D.

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The Report of the Committee in regard to a Sabbath School Convention was taken up, adopted, and the following persons appointed committee of arrangements: Rev. Messrs. Savage, Marshall, Wallace, Merrill, Smith, Day, Hill, and Parsons.

The Report of the Committee in regard to a State Conference was taken up, discussed, adopted, and the following persons were appointed a committee to carry into effect the recommendation of the report: Rev. J.G. Davis, Isaac Willey, J. K. Young, D. D., A. Tobey, and J. P. Humphrey.

The Report of the Statistical Secretary was read.

7½ *o'clock P. M.* After prayer by Rev. Isaac Rogers, the evening was devoted to hearing reports from the following delegates from corresponding bodies:

Rev. Dr. E. E. Cummings, from the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention.

Rev. Mr. Houston, from the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. A. H. Quint, J. F. Norton, from the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. J. F. Stearns, D. D., from the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, N. S.

Rev. D. M. Elwood, from the General Association of Connecticut and Rhode-Island.

Rev. Wm. Wakefield, from the General Conference of Ohio.

Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D., from the General Association of New-York.

After prayer, adjourned to Wednesday, 8 o'clock A. M.

Wednesday, 8 *o'clock A. M.* The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. B. Smith.

Voted, That the Rules of the Association be printed with the minutes.

The Report of the Committee "on Coöperation of Congregationalists and Presbyterians in Home Missions," was presented by Rev. A. W. Burnham, D. D. It was accepted, and after an animated discussion laid on the table.

9 *o'clock A. M.* After prayer by Rev. Amos Foster, addresses were made by the following persons, in behalf of benevolent societies:

Rev. Mr. Farnham, of the Southern Aid Society.

Rev. L. B. Rockwood, of the American Tract Society (at New-York.)

Rev. J. W. Alvord, of the American Tract Society (at Boston.)
Rev. Dr. Clark, of the Congregational Library Association.
Rev. Mr. Webster, of the Church Anti-Slavery Society.
Rev. S. W. Hanks, of the Seamen's Friend Society.
Rev. Wm. Warren and Rev. Dr. Meigs, of the A. B. C. F. M.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. Rev. Asa P. Tenney was reëlected Treasurer, and Rev. Dr. Bouton, Auditor.

Voted, That the tax for the following year be *fifty* cents, and that all arrears due from District Associations be collected.

Voted, That the delegates of the District Associations be responsible to the Treasurer for the taxes due from the bodies they represent.

Voted, That all members of District Associations are expected to pay the annual tax.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Badger, of New-York, and Rev. I. S. Davis, of Piermont, officiate at the communion table.

10½ *o'clock A. M.* The Association gave place to the Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Bible Society. In the absence of the President, Rev. C. W. Wallace took the chair. The Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read and accepted, and addresses made by Rev. Messrs. Rowe, of Meriden, and Clark, of the Sandwich Islands.

After prayer the Association resumed business, when the following nominations were reported by the nominating committee:

Secretary for Sabbath Schools,—Rev. Jacob Cummings.

To Certify to the Standing of Ministers,—Rev. Dr. Bouton, Dr. Burnham, Dr. J. K. Young, Dr. N. Lord, Dr. Z. S. Barstow, Austin Richards, Thomas Savage, J. Woods, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey, A. Bodwell.

Committee on Publication,—J. G. Davis, J. W. Ray, Chas. J. Hill, Prof. Noyes.

Committee on Place and Preacher,—J. K. Young, D. D., E. N. Hidden, R. M. Sargent.

Pastoral Letter,—Rev. E. Buxton.

The persons above named were then elected.

The following resolutions in regard to the American Tract Society (at Boston) were adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly commend the purposes of the American Tract Society (at Boston) to furnish a christian literature to all classes of persons in our country, and throughout the world; and especially their plans to aid the churches in their work of home evangelization.

Resolved, That we recommend to all the evangelical churches of New-Hampshire the taking of an annual collection for this Society.

Resolutions recommending an American Congregational Union were offered, and laid on the table.

The Committee on Nominations reported as delegates to Foreign Bodies the following list, which was adopted:

To the General Conference of Maine:
Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons.
Substitute, Rev. H. Merrill.

To the General Convention of Vermont:
Primary, Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. C. A. Downs.

To the General Association of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. E. H. Richardson.
Substitute, Rev. E. Buxton.

To the General Association of Connecticut:
Primary, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. J. G. Davis.

To the General Consociation of Rhode-Island:
Primary, Rev. G. Lyman.
Substitute, Rev. C. Cutler.

To the General Association of New-York:
Primary, Rev. P. B. Day.
Substitute, Rev. R. W. Lawrence.

To the General Conference of Ohio:
Primary, Rev. J. Holmes.
Substitute, Rev. C. E. Lord.

To the General Association of Wisconsin:
Primary, Rev. A. Benson.
Substitute, Rev. D. B. Bradford.

To the General Association of Michigan:
Primary, Rev. D. Goodwin.
Substitute, Rev. H. Cummings.

To the General Associations of Illinois and Iowa:
Primary, Rev. John Colby.
Substitute, Rev. Wm. R. Jewett.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.
Primary, Rev. W. A. Smith.
Substitute, Rev. R. Case.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:
Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker.
Substitute, Rev. Isaac Willey.

To the Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting:
Primary, Rev. Amos Foster.
Substitute, Rev. M. Gerould.

To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference:
Primary, Rev. C. Burnham.
Substitute, Rev. E. H. Greeley.

To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention:
Primary, Rev. J. M. Palmer.
Substitute, Rev. J. M. Stow.

To the Canada Congregational Union:
Primary, Rev. E. Tenney.
Substitute, Rev. A. P. Tenney.

To the General Association of Kansas:
Primary, Rev. W. T. Savage.
Substitute, Rev. M. B. Angier.

To the General Association of Oregon:
Primary, Rev. J. M. Putnam.
Substitute, Rev. J. W. Ray.

To the General Association of California:
Primary, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton.
Substitute, Rev. H. Brickett.

Preacher for the next Association:
Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey.
Substitute, Rev. A. Richards.

After prayer adjourned to 1½ P. M.

The resolutions recommending an American Congregational Union were taken from the table and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, As the sense of this Association, that it is expedient to form an American Congregational Union, upon the well established principles of our Puritan fathers, to meet in General Convention once in —— years, for mutual consultation, comfort and strength.

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to other Congregational bodies to bring this subject before them, and request them to take action upon it, and, if they approve, appoint a committee to aid in conjunction with like committees from other bodies, in arranging and organizing such a Convention.

2 *o'clock P. M.* After singing and prayer, the Report on the State of Religion in the Churches was read by Rev. Amos Blanchard, accepted and ordered to be printed with the minutes. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Stearns, a sermon was preached by Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., from John 10: 9, which was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper—Rev. Dr. Badger and Rev. I. S. Davis officiating at the table.

4½ *o'clock P. M.* The Report on the Coöperation of Congregationalists and Presbyterians in Home Missions was called up, discussed, amended by striking out the first resolution, and assigned to Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

After prayer by Rev. J. G. Davis, adjourned.

7½ *o'clock P. M.* The New-Hampshire Missionary Society held its Anniversary. The Report of the Secretary was read, and addresses made by Rev. Mr. Clark, and Rev. Dr. Badger of New-York.

Thursday, 8 *o'clock A. M.* Met according to adjournment. The minutes of preceding sessions read. The Report on the Coöperation of Congregationalists and Presbyterians in Home Missions was discussed by Rev. Dr. Stearns, Rev. Samuel Lee, Rev. Dr. Badger, (on request) and others; whereupon the following resolution of the committee was adopted:

Resolved, That we cordially approve, not only of the general plans and operations of the American Home Missionary Society, but particularly of the principles adopted, and the course pursued by the Executive Committee of that Society, in the case of the Alton Presbytery; and we commend the Committee for their strict and impartial adherence in that, and, so far as we have knowledge, in every other official act, to the principles and conditions of the system which they are appointed to administer.

Voted, That four hundred copies of the minutes be printed.

Voted, That the next meeting be at Claremont, and that the Hopkinton Association furnish the preacher of the *Concio ad Clerum*.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the people of this place, through their pastor, for their cordial hospitality on the present occasion; to the Congregational Society, for the first use of their house of worship, since its having been so tastefully remodeled; to the ladies, for their generous collation, and to the choir of singers, for their acceptable services.

A communication was received from the Committee on the Whitefield Monument, on which the Association decided not to take action at the present meeting.

The Committee with reference to a Sabbath School Convention reported in favor of holding a Convention at Manchester, on the 25th and 26th of October, which report was adopted.

Thursday, 10 *o'clock A. M.* After singing and prayer, Rev. Dr. Bouton delivered an historical discourse from I. Kings 8: 57; Eph. 4: 8, and 2: 20.

1.45 *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be given to Rev. Dr. Bouton, for his able and instructive discourse, and that a copy be requested for publication; and the manuscript solicited for preservation in the archives of the Association.

Voted, That Rev. J. G. Davis, Dr. B. P. Stone, and the author, be a committee to provide for the publication of this discourse, in such form as they shall deem expedient.

Voted, To adjourn at the close of the public exercises of the afternoon.

2 *o'clock P. M.* The afternoon was occupied with addresses from Rev. Drs. Burnham, Clement, Bouton, Barstow, Stone, and Messrs. I. N. Davis, Buxton, A. Smith, Sargent, Lawrence, Clark, and others, which abounded in anecdotes of deceased ministers, reminiscences of early history, and interesting facts relating to the planting and prosperity of our churches.

After singing and prayer, the Association adjourned *sine die*.

Z. S. BARSTOW, *Moderator*.

J. W. RAY, *Scribe*.

CHARLES J. HILL, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The religious condition of the Congregational Churches of New-Hampshire presents many things as cause of gratitude and joy, as well as others which ought to be the occasion of regret and repentance on the part of both ministers and people. The past year, though not marked by so many precious and extensive revivals as the preceding, has yet been one of general progress and prosperity. The Narrative, for the year 1858, speaks of the wonderful interposition of the Great Head of the Church in shedding forth the regenerating influences of the Holy Spirit, in quickening his own people, in the conversion of the impenitent, and in the ingathering of the new converts into the fold of the "Good Shepherd." The ecclesiastical year just closed, though the renewing influences of the Spirit have been in a measure withdrawn, has yet been a season in which the results of this work of grace have been more fully seen and tested. Some of our larger churches have received accessions to their membership; to others, less able, a few have been added, by which their pecuniary and moral strength have been increased; while in some of the more feeble, the things that remained and were ready to die, have been preserved. Peace has generally prevailed. Nor have bitter and angry controversies, in regard to doctrines and measures, disturbed the harmony either of the ministry or the membership. There appears to have been a steady increase in the numbers attending public worship, and the children collected in the Sabbath Schools; while all the objects of benevolence and philanthropy have taken a deeper hold on the conscience and affections of both ministers and people. While, therefore, in respect to the evils which still exist among us, and the great work left undone, which ought to be done, we have much to deplore, we still have much to cheer our hopes and animate our zeal, so that in view of what has been effected we have occasion to "thank God and take courage."

In the reports of the several district associations, some facts of a cheering and interesting character are presented.

A season of refreshing has been enjoyed by the church in Conway, belonging to the Harmony Association, by which it has received an addition of eighteen members. In the Hopkinton Association, though reporting no special revival, yet, as the fruit of the good work enjoyed the year preceding, one hundred and thirty have been added to the ten different churches. The churches of the Lancaster Association, not reported last year, report, as the results of the revival enjoyed in 1858, that additions have been made to the churches in Colebrook, Lancaster, and Stewartstown, by which their pecuniary strength has been increased, and their moral influence greatly extended. To the eleven churches belonging to the Manchester Association, ninety-eight have been added by profession, and forty-four by letter. The report from the Monadnock Association says: "No extensive work of grace has been enjoyed within our bounds during the year. The churches of Keene, East Alstead, Marlow, Hinsdale, and Winchester, have been favored with some tokens of the Spirit, by which fifty-seven have been added to their number by profession." To the churches comprising the Orange Association, ninety-five have been added as the fruits of former revivals. The additions to the twenty-three churches within

the bounds of the Piscataqua Association, have exceeded the removals by more than one hundred. In the church of Lempster, belonging to the Sullivan Association, a revival was in progress at the time of our last meeting, which resulted in the addition of twenty to the First Congregational Church, and six to the second. The other churches of this Association, where cases of individual conversion have occurred, are Cornish, Meriden, (among the students in Kimball Union Academy) and Washington. The general revival of the last year extended to most of the churches of the Union Association, increasing their numbers, and adding to their efficiency. The smallest and feeblest congregation within its bounds, enjoying the labors of a pastor less than one third of the time, has been signally blessed; and as the fruit of the good work, twelve persons, worthy young ladies, united with the church by profession, on the last Sabbath. The Derry Association reports no general revival, but some additions have been made to nearly all the churches within its bounds.

In this connection it may be proper to record the death of two venerable fathers in the ministry: the Rev. Gad Newell, of Nelson, and the Rev. Nathaniel Wells, of Deerfield, and, also, the loss which the cause of piety and learning has sustained in the death of Dr. John Richards, pastor of the church at Hanover, and Prof. Ira Young, of Dartmouth College.

The reports from delegates of other bodies in correspondence with us, present many things of an interesting character, suited to strengthen our faith and excite us to renewed diligence in our Master's service. From various parts of our own land, we learn that revivals, of greater or less extent, have been enjoyed, and large accessions made to the churches. The causes of Foreign and Home Missions, of Sabbath Schools, and Tract distribution, of the condition of the enslaved, and, perhaps, of Temperance, enlist the prayers and receive the pecuniary aid of our churches to a greater extent than ever before. The cause of Education is heartfelt and progressive. Large numbers of pious young men have their attention turned to the ministry, and are in a course of training for the sacred office. From Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, we hear of the wonderful work of the Spirit, in moving large masses, and in bringing multitudes to receive the truth in Christ, and to confess him, to the glory of God the Father.

Brethren, we now close the fiftieth anniversary since the organization of the General Association of New-Hampshire. Those venerable men who took part in giving it shape and character, have, with one or two exceptions, passed away. Since then, our churches have been enlarged in numbers, wealth, and moral influence. The little one has become strong; that which was born in weakness has increased in power. The seed scattered beside all waters has brought forth an abundant harvest. The time and the occasion admonish those of us who have passed middle life, that what we do should be done quickly; while it should excite the more youthful, who have recently girded on the harness, "to do with their might, &c." The Master will soon come and reckon with his servants. If the thousands of ministers belonging to our own and other evangelical denominations, and the tens of thousands of members of our churches, were all "adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things,"—consecrated in body and spirit a living sacrifice—united in love, and provoking one another only to good works, then might we expect to witness such results as have not been seen since, from the Union Prayer Meeting in Jerusalem, the fishermen of Galilee, baptized by the Holy Spirit, went forth to the conquest of a world lying in wickedness.

Let us, then, "be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

AMOS BLANCHARD, *for the Committee.*

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The General Association of New-Hampshire, in accordance with annual usage, presents christian salutations to the churches with which it is connected.

CHRISTIAN BRETHREN—

Permit us to remind you that you are called upon for devout thankfulness to God for the rich bestowments of his grace in the conversion and salvation of souls the past year, by which your hearts have been encouraged and your hands strengthened. Great additions have been made to different portions of the Lord's heritage since you were last addressed by this body. Already, as the professed servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, you have entered his vineyard to toil in it and wear out in it. Active service is demanded of the entire company of the Lord's friends. They are his representatives in the present world, to give a practical exhibition of the reality, the beauty and the power of godliness reigning in the heart. The great duty now devolving upon you, christian brethren, is to advance with accelerated progress in the Lord's service. And we would urge upon you the faithful discharge of this duty—

1. *Because there is much to be done on your own behalf.*

Under the divine injunction resting on them, the Children of Israel could neither stand still nor recede, and yet do their duty. Their duty was to go forward. And doing that, the Lord cleared a passage-way in the sea, and they advanced and went even through on dry land. Neither can the Lord's followers stand still or recede in relation to their christian course, and yet do their duty. They have not made all those attainments in the new life that are required to be vigorous, active, growing christians in the Master's service. In reaching these attainments, it will not meet the claims of the spiritual man, and add to his growth and strength, to remain idle or stationary in the Lord's vineyard. They must advance—press on. Progress in the new life is indispensable to meet the requisitions of the gospel upon the disciples of Jesus. It is enjoined upon them by the Master's authority, "To leave the things that are behind, and reach forth unto those that are before, and press toward the mark for the prize." This, it is obvious, can not be done unless the disciples of Christ are moving onward. The great prize to which they are

called, by the grace of God, is before and not behind them. An advance in piety—in spiritual attainments—in devotedness to Christ, is indispensable to have satisfactory evidence that the prize is theirs in sure prospect. It is further enjoined upon them by their Lord: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven." Their light shining, and shining with increasing lustre, implies that they are moving on in the narrow path to life, with their lamps trimmed—their light burning with growing brightness, and having oil in their vessels with their lamps. And this implies the exercise of gospel humility: a hearty contrition for sin—sin of omission and commission, and a vigorous faith in the great Master whom they profess to serve.

2. *We would urge upon you the discharge of this duty, because the present condition of your fellow-men demands it.*

God executes his purposes in relation to his kingdom in the present world through instrumentalities. He works by means—and these means are placed in solemn charge with his people. To employ them in an effectual manner, they must be on the watch-tower, and at the post of duty, praying and laboring intensely for the spiritual safety—the good of others. Advance in this service with accelerated progress. The moral condition of such as are out of the ark of safety most urgently demands it. They are in darkness—their minds are blinded—their hearts are hardened—they do not realize their condition and their danger. They are not fully aware of the pending controversy between them and their Maker. He commands their love, and they refuse to give it; he commands them to repent, and they refuse obedience to that command.

And how is this controversy to be settled? this opposition of sin's creating to be overcome? Will the unregenerate yield, and give to God his due? Such is the influence of sin, and such its power upon them, that they have no disposition to cease the controversy and become reconciled to God.

They need help to overcome this terrible opposition of heart—this disinclination to do what the Lord requires. And how are they to have this help? "I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate; I the Lord have spoken it; yet for this I will be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them."

Here is developed the medium through which that help must come. The importunity of the church—the Lord's disciples. And will they engage in it with all their heart, unless they are advancing in the Lord's service, with a burning love for souls, and with a readiness to do God's will in this respect? To reach the position here demanded of you, christian brethren—the highest degree of christian consecration, devotedness and activity is needful to secure the presence of the awakening, converting and sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit upon the unregenerate heart.

3. We would urge upon you the discharge of this duty, because such a course will have the divine approval.

It is ever safe to be on the Lord's side; to do that which is right, that which has the approval of conscience. God has plainly marked out the way for his people to walk. Although a strait way, he has given no license to either halt in or turn from it, but they are to keep on, striving to achieve the victory over every spiritual foe—the mastery over every enemy of the soul—the entire subjugation of every unholy feeling and unhallowed affection. This is what God requires of them; this is what he approves. Thus God, in his word, represents the path of the just as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Most surely, in accordance with that truth, the Lord's disciples must advance in holy living, in holy action, in increasing fidelity in the Master's vineyard; for in no other way will their faith be as represented—shining on with augmented brightness. Let the servants of God every where give such an exhibition of the power of godliness within, as shall be evinced in every-day, practical life, and they may be sure it will meet with God's approval.

4. Again, we would urge upon you the discharge of this duty of onward progress in holy living, because of the results to be expected.

Duty belongs to us; results are the Lord's. He will take care of that matter. The great point before the minds of our Lord's disciples is duty, at which they are to look—duty demanded, duty to be discharged. The results that will follow will be in proportion to the discharged duty now resting upon them. They have a right to expect this from christian duty done, both in regard to christians individually, in their spiritual profit, and to the prosperity of Zion. If not, what means that language, "Ask and it shall be given you?" And that: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father who is in heaven?" And what are the results expected in view of the growing activity and fidelity of our Lord's friends? Just such as have been witnessed the past year within the borders of our Zion and elsewhere. Such as are now witnessed in some parts thereof—a powerful revival of religion in the churches, and a great work of reformation among the unregenerate. The spirit of God, in answer to prayer and corresponding effort, in large measure, is poured out, and his regenerating work has been effected upon the hearts of vast numbers of all classes of men.

Souls have been renewed and sins forgiven, and a new song is in the mouth of great numbers of converted ones, even praise unto God. What transporting interest to christian pilgrims on the watch-tower, meek, humble penitent there, and in the faithful discharge of christian duty; what joy imparted to thousands of new born souls—joy unknown before—in their deliverence from sin and acceptance with God. Such are results expected when the Lord's people go forward in the path of duty, with holy hearts—with praying hearts and vigorous efforts for the conversion of souls. Press on, then, christian brethren, in the Lord's service, and by faith, and prayer, and labor, strive to secure like results to our beloved Zion the coming year.

J. McGEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,
In account with A. P. TENNEY, *Treasurer.*

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1858.					
Aug. 25.	Received of	Belknap Association		$1.00	
	"	Hollis	"	4.00	
	"	Harmony	"	1.50	
	"	Orange	"	1.50	
	"	Monadnock	"	8.25	
Dec'r 16.	"	Derry	"	2.50	
1859.					
April 30.	"	Piscataqua	"	7.00	
July 22.	"	Piscataqua, additional		2.00	
Aug. 9.	"	Hopkinton	"	1.25	
	Balance on last year's account,			7.19	
					$31.19

Dr.

1858.			
Aug. 25.	Paid J. G. Davis' bill, printing and postage,	$14.07	
1859.			
June 15.	" Rev. David Kimball, by order of Rev. J. G. Davis,	10.75	
			$24.82
	Balance		$6.37

There is now due to Rev. David Kimball, for printing and distributing last Minutes, ... $50.50
Balance 6.37

Leaving the Treasury in debt at this date, ... $44.13

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of Rev. Asa P. Tenney, Treasurer of New-Hampshire General Association; that he has received, with the balance of last year, thirty-one dollars and nineteen cents, ($31.19) and paid out twenty-four dollars and eighty-two cents ($24.82); and that there is a balance in the Treasury of six dollars and thirty-seven cents ($6.37.)

A bill is still due Rev. David Kimball, for printing, of fifty dollars and fifty cents, ($50.50) leaving the Treasury in debt forty-four dollars and thirteen cents, (44.13.)

N. BOUTON, *Auditor.*

CONCORD, August 17, 1859.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice given, the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND, was held at the office of the New-Hampshire Savings Bank, in Concord, June 2, 1859.

Present,—Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. Henry E. Parker, Rev. Mr. Goodrich, Hon. Francis N. Fisk, and James Moulton, Jr.

Elected Rev. Dr. BOUTON, *President.*
JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*
FRANCIS N. FISK, *Treasurer.*

Elected Rev. Ambrose Smith, of Boscawen, a Trustee in place of Rev. L. Whiting, removed from the State; and Dea. Asa McFarland in place of Dea. Samuel Morril, deceased.

Chose Rev. Dr. Bouton, Hon. Francis N. Fisk, and James Moulton, Jr., Executive Committee.

Chose Asa McFarland, Auditor.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, June 2, 1859,

Voted, To appropriate to the following persons the sum of twenty-five dollars each, to wit:

Mrs. Betsey Hull, Mrs. F. P. M. Stearns, Mrs. Mary Pillsbury, Mrs. Abby Lawton, and Mrs. Rebecca French.

At a meeting of the same committee, August 2, 1859,

Voted, To appropriate twenty-five dollars to Mrs. Emily Richards, widow of the late John Richards, D. D., of Hanover.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and shall be opened at 10 o'clock A. M., with a *Concio ad Clerum*, by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of the religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and preside till a Moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A Scribe and Assistant Scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the Secretary,* the Treasurer, the Minister of the place of the meeting, and Delegates from District Associations, according to the following ratio of representation: viz., One from every Association; two from every Association of seven members; three from every Association of thirteen members; and four from every Association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two Associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a Delegate, who has not received ordination.

5. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of the Delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a Moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The Secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterward be enlarged by the Committee of Overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen by ballot, who shall nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all Committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and who shall also be a Committee of Overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the Moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the Moderator, nor have leave of absence without a vote of the Association.

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* The Statistical Secretary is *ex officio* a member. See Minutes of 1858, p. 6.

11. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the Minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies shall be certified by the printed Minutes, or by a certificate from the Secretary.

14. The Narratives of the State of Religion in our Churches and Corresponding Bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The District Associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers, settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c. See Minutes of 1858, p. 6.

16. A condensed Narrative of the State of Religion in each Association shall be prepared and reported by a Committee.

17. The Schedules and Narratives of Religion shall be lodged with the Secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The Publishing Committee shall see that the Minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to Delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the District Associations.

19. This Association shall, so far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the State.

20. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATION OF THE EXERCISES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION WAS ADOPTED AT THEIR MEETING AT NASHUA, IN 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meetings, public religious services, under the direction of the pastor of the place, be held every evening during the session; that the Narratives of the State of Religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers; that Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the New-Hampshire Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other objects as the Association shall direct and time will allow; and, finally, that a Sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the Communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			6	23	3	32	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	6	2	60
Bridgewater,	1790	Vacant.			3	5	0	8	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	50
Campton,	1774	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1838	Oct. 13, 1858	27	51	29	107	13	4	17	1	2	0	3	2	6	162
Center-Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840	Dec. 23, 1840	17	26	11	54	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	40
Danbury,	Feb. 4, 1809	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	Mar. 2, 1855	32	35	0	67	0	18	18	1	0	1	2	9	2	110
Gilmanton Center,	Mar. 16, 1825	R. M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852	April 27, 1852	39	63	19	121	4	1	5	1	9	0	10	2	2	90
Groton,	1779	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S. 1845	12	16	2	30	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	70
Hebron,	1779	Liba Conant,	May 23, 1823	S. S. 1845	11	29	2	40	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	0	0	100
Laconia,	July 26, 1824	J. K. Young, D. D.,	Sept. 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	44	103	40	187	5	3	8	2	2	3	7	2	2	135
Meredith,	Sept. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	20	41	8	69	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	1	75
Plymouth,	1765	Wm. R. Jewett,	July 18, 1837	June 25, 1845	80	74	34	188	2	3	5	4	5	0	9	1	4	160
Sanbornton,	1771	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	42	77	15	134	2	1	3	2	0	1	3	1	0	134
Sandwich,	Aug. 1814	Royal Parkinson,	Oct. 18, 1848	S.S.Dec.18,'58	12	22	13	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	120
Sandwich, North,	June 27, 1832	Vacant.			7	10	8	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	100
Thornton,	April 11, 1780	Vacant.			8	6	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Union.
Total, 15.		Pastors, 8. S. S., 3. Vacant Ch'hs, 4.			310	579	184	1073	51	33	84	15	20	5	40	33	22	1406

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, Ord. Nov. 18, 1806; John Clark, Plymouth, Ord. (when?)

WM. R. JEWETT, Plymouth, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

2. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,	Oct. 15, 1802	T. H. Johnson,	Oct. 1852	S.S. Sept. 1858	13	19	0	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	85
Franconia,	April, 1814				5	11	5	21	4	1	5	1	0	0	1	4	0	100
Littleton,	1803	Wm. S. Palmer,	(when ?)	S.S. May, 1859	30	75	15	120	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	150
Total, 3.		Pastors, 0. S. S., 2. Vacant Ch'hs, 0.			48	105	20	173	5	1	6	3	1	0	4	5	1	335

These churches are associated ministerially with churches in Vermont.

T. H. JOHNSON, Bethlehem, *Statistical Scribe*.

3. DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835	S. S. 1845	21	46	19	86	2	4	6	2	2	0	4	1	1	121
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes,	May, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	23	35	11	69	3	9	12	1	2	0	3	2	0	140
Candia,	1770	Vacant.			82	128	31	241	0	0	0	6	8	0	14	0	1	193
Chester,	1731	H. O. Howland,	Dec. 18, 1846	Aug. 12, 1857	52	118	30	200	3	3	6	2	8	0	10	1	2	172
Deerfield,	1766	U. W. Condit,	Oct. 28, 1850	July 10, 1855	46	74	18	138	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Derry, 1st Ch.	1749 and 1810	E. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841	S. S. Aug., '57	64	111	40	215	4	3	7	7	2	0	9	1	2	125
Derry, 1st Con. Ch.	Aug. 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	29	83	18	130	9	5	14	2	5	0	7	5	0	120
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	T. C. Pratt,	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	16	53	1	70	0	3	3	3	1	0	4	0	0	175
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Wm. T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851	S. S. 1858	17	49	13	79	4	3	7	3	8	0	11	1	0	120
Plaistow,	1730	Vacant.			23	54	9	86	4	0	4	1	5	0	6	1	2	70
Raymond,	1791	Vacant.			63	80	17	160	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	3	0	105
Salem,	1740	John Lawrence,	1848	S. S. 1859	12	23	11	46	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Windham, Pres.,	1742	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	47	92	9	148	10	1	11	5	3	0	8	6	9	200
Total, 13.		Pastors, 6. S. S., 4. Vacant Ch'hs, 3.			495	946	227	1668	43	35	78	33	46	0	79	21	17	1761

WITHOUT CHARGE. Isaac Jones, Derry, Ord. (when?)

LICENTIATES. Henry L. Boltwood, Derry.

EBENEZER G. PARSONS, Derry Village, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

4. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball,	Jan. 27, 1841	S.S. Feb. 1856	19	65	19	103	18	1	19	2	0	0	2	9	1	180
Effingham,	Reorgan. 1836	Vacant.			5	18	9	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Farmington,	1819	Vacant.			9	29	3	41	2	3	5	2	1	0	3	1	2	80
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1816	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843	S. S. 1848	22	54	0	76	2	1	3	3	3	0	6	2	0	175
Moultonboro'1st Ch	Mar. 12, 1777	Vacant.			13	27	8	48	0	15	15	1	2	0	3	0	0	0
Moultonboro'2d Ch	Sept. 3, 1855	Vacant.			5	5	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Wolfboro'	June 17, 1839	Stephen Merrill,	June, 1821	S.S. Nov. 1850	17	27	14	58	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	70
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806	Horace Wood,	July 10, 1839	S.S. May, 1848	27	38	10	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	120
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	John H. Merrill,	May 16, 1849	Aug. 17, 1853	46	69	39	154	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	0	4	110
Tuftonborough,	1839	Vacant.			5	12	4	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Wakefield,	1785	Martin Leffingwell,	1844	S.S.Mar.15,'57	10	26	9	45	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	80
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	John Wood,		S. S. 1859	17	43	3	63	5	2	7	2	0	0	2	2	2	70
Total, 12.		Pastors, 1. S. S., 6. Vacant Ch'hs, 5			195	413	118	726	28	34	62	16	9	0	25	14	12	915

WITHOUT CHARGE. Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth, Ord. June 13, 1827; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, Ord. November 1, 1826; Joshua Dodge, Moultonborough, Ord. December 21, 1808; Thomas L. Ambrose, Missionary, Persia.

STEPHEN MERRILL, North Wolfborough, *Scribe.* NATHANIEL BARKER, Wakefield, *Statistical Scribe.*

5. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'sm		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	Josiah G. Davis,	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	68	139	26	233	11	10	21	3	5	0	8	4	2	280
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin,	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	26	39	4	69	4	2	6	1	2	0	3	1	0	120
Hollis,	Before 1743	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	90	146	14	250	58	1	59	6	20	1	27	30	4	220
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839	S.S.May 1, '57	38	66	22	126	4	2	6	1	1	1	3	3	3	165
Mason, 2d Ch.,	June 3, 1847	George E. Fisher,	Feb. 27, 1850	June 22, 1859	21	64	36	121	4	4	8	3	2	1	6	3	0	90
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846	S. S. 1853	12	29	21	62	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	58
Milford,	1788	S. C. Kendall,	Mar. 29, 1854	April 7, 1858	76	172	52	300	6	6	12	1	2	0	3	4	0	412
Nashua, 1st Ch.,	1685	Charles J. Hill,	Jan. 28, 1857	Jan. 28, 1857	87	282	92	461	30	9	39	4	12	0	16	4	3	560
" Olive St.,	1834	Austin Richards,	Nov. 7, 1827	April 6, 1836	100	243	100	443	1	5	6	2	13	0	15	0	1	287
" Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849	Feb. 24, 1858	57	161	36	254	21	5	26	1	10	1	12	6	3	311
New-Ipswich, 1st,	Oct. 22, 1760	Samuel Lee,	Nov. 4, 1830	May 5, 1836	47	84	25	156	2	2	4	3	1	2	6	1	0	140
" " 2d,	Oct. 9, 1851	.....	.....	.....	29	52	12	93	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	80
Mont-Vernon,	Sept. 1780	Charles E. Lord,	May 8, 1844	Feb. 11, 1857	40	80	20	140	3	0	3	4	0	0	4	2	1	130
Rindge,	Dec. 1765	A.W.Burnham, D.D	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	83	129	12	224	2	0	2	3	15	0	18	0	3	208
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	George Goodyear,	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	30	62	19	111	7	2	9	1	4	0	5	1	0	150
Wilton, 2d Ch.,	Dec. 18, 1823	E. S. Jordan,	Dec. 17, 1857	Dec. 17, 1857	26	63	27	116	5	4	9	1	0	0	1	5	0	169
Total, 16.		Pastors, 13. S. S., 2. Vacant Ch'hs, 1.			830	1811	518	3159	162	53	215	34	92	6	132	66	20	3380

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, Ord. October 13, 1802; E. M. Kellogg, Nashua, Ord. October 26, 1842; William Clark, Amherst, Ord. April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, Ord. October 17, 1832; Samuel J. Austin, Wilton, Ord. February 25, 1857.

LICENTIATES. M. C. Stebbins, Lancaster, Mass.; Augustus Berry, Mont-Vernon.

T. P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe*. CHARLES J. HILL, Nashua, *Statistical Scribe*.

6. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.	....	....	5	10	1	16	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	....	....	....
Boscawen, East,	Oct. 8, 1740	Ambrose Smith,	July 9, 1850	June 15, 1853	48	87	25	160	3	1	4	5	1	0	6	1	3	125
Boscawen, West,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	55	81	30	166	1	3	4	4	3	0	7	0	6	160
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.	....	....	16	21	17	54	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	....
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	Wm. S. Spaulding,	Sept. 18, 1848	S. S. Mar. 1859	18	31	6	55	2	3	5	1	1	0	2	1	0	60
Canterbury,	Unknown.	H. Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	Nov. 22, 1843	30	55	33	118	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	4	75
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson,	....	S. S.	27	45	25	97	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	50
Concord, 1st,	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.,	Mar. 23, 1825	Mar. 23, 1825	47	147	45	239	2	1	3	6	6	0	12	1	2	190
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	Henry E. Parker,	Mar. 13, 1849	May 14, 1851	86	176	50	312	19	9	28	1	7	0	8	5	5	320
Concord, West,	April 22, 1833	Asa P. Tenney,	June, 1828	April 23, 1833	55	109	36	200	7	0	7	4	4	0	8	6	0	150
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Albert W. Fiske,	May 8, 1833	May 20, 1857	23	53	5	81	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	132
Franklin,	June 11, 1822	William T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	28	66	41	135	24	4	28	0	1	0	1	12	0	175
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	34	100	40	174	18	1	19	10	0	0	10	5	3	200
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.	....	....	8	14	5	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	M. B. Angier,	June 8, 1857	June 8, 1857	73	100	25	198	3	4	7	6	4	0	10	2	1	140
Northfield & S. Br.	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	38	91	28	157	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	130
Pembroke,	1808	Lewis Goodrich,	May 13, 1857	May 13, 1857	30	79	33	142	9	0	9	4	3	0	7	6	2	207
Salisbury,	Nov. 17, 1773	Horatio Merrill,	May 7, 1845	May 19, 1858	26	54	2	82	9	5	14	5	0	0	5	4	3	110
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	Daniel Warren,	Dec. 7, 1825	Oct. 21, 1857	27	63	8	98	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	0	80
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	Vacant.	....	....	16	20	2	39	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	2	6	60
Total, 19.		Pastors, 14. S. S., 1. Vacant Ch'hs, 4.			690	1402	457	2549	104	36	140	53	45	0	98	46	36	2394

WITHOUT CHARGE. Ebenezer Price, Boston, Mass., Ord. September 26, 1804; William Patrick, Boscawen, Ord. October 26, 1808; Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Concord, Ord. May 26, 1831.

LICENTIATES. Levi Little, West Boscawen; Henry E. Sawyer, Concord.

AMBROSE SMITH, Boscawen, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

7. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Colebrook,.....	Dec. 4, 1852	Vacant.	.....	.....	14	20	18	52	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	127
Dalton,.....	April 28, 1816	R. M. T. Grant.	Licentiate.	S. S.	5	14	6	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Lancaster,.....	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay,	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	38	94	2	134	6	4	10	0	4	0	4	6	2	130
Stewartstown,.....	July 1, 1846	Joseph B. Hill,	Aug. 12, 1830	S. S. 1857	13	22	4	39	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	60
Total, 4.		Pastors, 1. S. S., 2. Vacant Ch'hs, 1.			70	150	30	250	7	6	13	5	5	0	10	6	3	392

WITHOUT CHARGE. Josiah Morse, Northumberland, Ord. (when?)

JOSEPH B. HILL, West Stewartstown, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

8. MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bedford, Pres.....	1750	Thomas Savage,	1822	1826	52	97	7	156	4	2	6	5	3	0	8	2	5	200
Dunbarton,.....	1789	John M. Putnam,	Dec. 13, 1820	July 8, 1830	43	68	18	129	23	1	24	0	1	0	1	4	7	185
Goffstown,.....	1801	John W. Ray,	Jan. 1858	S. S. 1857	31	86	14	131	6	7	13	5	1	0	6	1	1	183
Hooksett,.....	1828	E. H. Caswell,*	1848	S. S. 1857	8	29	17	54	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	1	50
Hudson,.....	1841	Daniel L. French,	1840	S. S.	12	38	4	54	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	70
Litchfield, Pres.....	Reorgan. 1844	E. Newhall,	Jan. 1824	Sept. 1854	4	15	0	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50
Londonderry, Pres.	1735	William House,	Oct. 1857	Oct. 1857	56	102	30	188	9	3	12	3	0	0	3	2	12	160
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1828	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 1840	Jan. 1840	82	234	78	394	24	19	43	3	7	0	10	12	6	447
Manchester, 2d Ch.	1844	W. H Fenn,	Feb. 1859	Feb. 1859	41	110	84	235	19	5	24	5	15	0	20	13	1	350
Manchester, Mis. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Lyman B. Marshall,	Oct. 1856	S.S. Apr. 1856	11	22	19	52	2	6	8	0	1	0	1	2	1	102
Merrimack,.....	1771	E. J. Hart,	Jan. 1856	Jan. 1856	58	115	26	199	11	0	11	4	7	2	13	5	16	187
Total, 11.		Pastors, 7. S. S., 3. Vacant Ch'hs, 0.			398	916	297	1611	98	44	142	28	42	2	72	41	50	2044

WITHOUT CHARGE. George A. Bowman, Manchester, Ord. Aug. 9, 1848, Presbyterian Domestic Missionary.

LICENTIATE. George A. Putnam, Bangor, Me.

CYRUS W. WALLACE, Manchester, *Scribe.* JOHN W. RAY, Manchester, *Statistical Scribe.*

* Member of Suncook Association.

9. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'sm		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1777	Abel Patten,	Feb. 7, 1832	S. S. 1858	9	23	16	48	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	65
" Paper Mill,	1842	Nath'l F. Goodhue,	.....	S. S. 1858	7	11	7	25	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	50
New Alstead,	1788	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, 1829	June 16, 1852	26	44	28	98	4	1	5	4	0	1	5	1	0	140
Chesterfield,	1771	Jeffries Hall,	June 5, 1833	S. S. 1858	6	26	4	36	5	1	6	2	0	0	2	4	0	40
Dublin,	1827	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	17	14	38	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	50
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Vacant.	.....	.....	43	83	23	149	1	0	1	4	3	0	7	0	3	175
Gilsum,	1772	Ezra Adams,	April 28, 1840	Mar. 19, 1851	15	22	3	40	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	90
Hinsdale,	1821	Moses H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	34	65	11	110	5	4	9	0	5	0	5	1	6	110
Jaffrey,	1780	John S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	32	92	31	155	6	0	6	0	2	0	2	2	1	150
Jaffrey, East,	1850	F. D. Austin,	June 23, 1853	S. S. 1857	22	52	4	78	0	9	9	1	4	0	5	0	4	108
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.,	July 1, 1818	July 1, 1818	66	219	9	294	21	7	28	7	6	1	14	10	19	420
Marlborough,	1778	Giles Lyman,	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S. 1840	25	52	31	108	1	4	5	1	3	0	4	0	2	182
Nelson,	1781	A. H. Cutter,	June 21, 1841	S. S. 1856	31	42	57	130	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	2	150
Harrisville,	1840	Wm. G. Tuttle.	April 16, 1851	Apr. 16, 1851	12	19	22	53	3	6	9	1	2	1	4	2	0	110
Roxbury,	1816	T. W. Duncan,	June 13, 1821	S. S. 1858	4	10	2	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40
Stoddard,	1787	N. W. Sheldon,	.....	S. S. 1858	2	18	5	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Sullivan,	1792	George W. Stinson,	April 19, 1856	S. S. 1859	27	46	14	87	3	0	3	7	1	0	8	2	3	160
Surry,	1769	Vacant.	.....	.....	2	10	1	13	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Swanzey,	1741	John G. Wilson,	Dec. 12, 1851	June 29, 1859	15	35	12	62	2	3	5	4	0	0	4	2	1	120
Troy,	1815	Luther Townsend,	Mar. 5, 1845	Mar. 5, 1845	18	34	15	67	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	135
Walpole,	1761	John M. Stow,	Jan. 31, 1855	Jan. 31, 1855	19	75	7	101	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	112
Westmoreland,	1764	Vacant,	.....	.....	15	50	10	75	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	80
" Ev...	1853	Oscar Bissell,	May 14, 1856	May 14, 1856	4	14	6	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Winchester,	1736	John P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	50	94	30	174	2	2	4	2	4	0	6	0	0	180
Total, 24.		Pastors, 12. S. S., 8. Vacant Ch'hs, 4			491	1153	362	2006	57	45	102	47	44	3	94	26	42	2747

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. John Woods, Fitzwilliam, Ord. June 22, 1814; Rev. Edwin Jennison, Walpole, Ord. August 7, 1831; Rev. John E. B. Jewett, Jaffrey, unassociated.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

10. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,	1778	William Page,	Dec. 4, 1840	SS.June16,'59	24	78	37	139	21	1	22	3	2	....	5	12	1	250
Canaan,	1803	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828	SS.Aug.20,'58	6	19	12	37	0	1	1	1	1	....	2	0	0	40
Dorchester,	May 20, 1828	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	13	0	20	2	0	2	1	0	....	1	1	0	50
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson,	Oct. 16, 1858	Oct. 16, 1858	35	103	33	171	16	3	19	1	3	....	4	8	5	150
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S. 1857	25	44	31	100	14	0	14	1	3	....	4	13	0	75
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	119	230	34	383	16	9	25	3	7	....	10	11	2	285
Orford,	April 30, 1822	Windsor A. Smith,	Dec. 12, 1839	Sept. 2, 1857	18	45	19	82	2	0	2	0	10	....	10	2	2	150
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	L. B. Whittemore,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1858	17	52	24	93	1	2	3	1	1	....	2	0	1	50
Piermont,	Mar. 10, 1803	Increase S. Davis,	Oct. 9, 1828	SS.April, 1840	78	52	14	144	0	2	2	1	0	....	1	0	1	65
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Silas M. Blanchard,	Oct. 27, 1853	Mar. 2, 1859	9	26	17	52	0	5	5	0	9	....	9	0	0	130
Total, 10.		Pastors, 4. S. S., 5. Vacant Ch'hs, 1.			338	662	221	1221	72	22	94	11	35	....	46	47	12	1245

WITHOUT CHARGE. Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Hanover, Ord. 1809; Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, Ord. May 22, 1816; Enos Merrill, Orford, Ord. November 6, 1816.

LICENTIATES. Luther B. Whittemore, William S. Palmer, Prof. Edwin D. Sanborn, St. Louis, Mo.; George N. Abbott, Newbury, Vt.

WINDSOR A. SMITH, Orford, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

11. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barrington,	June 8, 1775	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S. S. 1859	13	20	8	41	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70
Brentwood,	Reorgan. 1756	Hugh McLeod,	June 27, 1855	Feb. 17, 1859	19	43	10	72	9	1	10	1	3	0	4	8	0	140
Dover, 1st Ch.	1638 or 9	E. H. Richardson,	May 18, 1854	Dec. 10, 1856	57	181	112	350	46	2	48	1	9	0	10	28	1	250
Dover, Belknap Ch.	Sept. 4, 1856	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1847	Sept. 4, 1856	13	45	12	70	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	1	130
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1728	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20. 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	12	47	9	68	7	0	7	1	1	0	2	6	0	64
Exeter, 1st Ch	1698	Vacant.	.....	.....	51	99	5	155	8	7	15	5	2	0	7	5	0	100
" 2d Ch.	Jan. 1744	O. T. Lanphear,	Oct. 25, 1849	Feb. 2, 1858	33	104	2	139	11	7	18	1	4	0	5	6	2	100
Epping,	Dec. 17, 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S. 1857	17	21	1	39	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	80
Great-Falls, 1st Ch.	Jan. 16, 1827	G. N. Anthony,	Oct. 3, 1855	Oct. 3, 1855	41	98	30	169	34	5	39	0	11	32	43	23	4	225
Great-Falls, 2d Ch.	July 20, 1857	R. M. Sawyer,	Oct. 15, 1852	May 13, 1859	17	38	7	62	20	10	30	0	4	0	4	16	0	225
Greenland,	July 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	8	38	4	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	46
Hampton,	1638	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855	Oct. 31, 1855	64	124	23	211	0	3	3	6	3	1	10	0	1	125
H.Falls & Seabrook	July 12, 1836	Geo. W. Thompson,	(when ?)	S. S. (when?)	12	16	14	42	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	0	0	25
Kingston,	Sept. 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	15	*48	10	73	0	2	2	4	0	1	5	0	0	..
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, 1825	S. S. 1846	9	28	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164
Newmarket,	Mar. 7, 1828	Elias Chapman,	Nov. 6, 1845	S. S. 1858	16	23	12	51	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	164
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1852	Nov. 18, 1858	58	91	18	167	14	0	14	6	4	6	16	4	2	200
Portsmouth,	1671	Vacant.	.....	.....	68	205	49	322	4	9	13	6	15	1	22	1	3	208
Rochester,	1737	J. M. Palmer,	May 23, 1854	April 26, 1859	19	94	..	113	11	8	19	1	2	1	4	6	3	100
Rye,	July 10, 1726	J. T. Otis,	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1844	32	76	..	108	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	75
Salmon-Falls,	May 1, 1846	Dana B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838	Aug. 11, 1858	10	41	44	95	20	5	25	1	7	1	9	9	0	80
South-Newmarket,	1730	Winthrop Fifield,	May 10, 1837	S. S. 1852	9	17	7	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
Stratham,	.....	Vacant,	.....	.....	15	28	3	46	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Total, 23.		Pastors, 14. S. S., 6. Vacant Ch'hs, 3.			608	1535	380	2513	192	67	259	40	73	43	156	113	18	*2696

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, Ord. May 24, 1834; Rev. G. W. Campbell, preacher at Kensington; Mr. Mason Moore, at Lee, and Mr. A. G. Bartlett, at Newington.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

* In addition to the 2,696 scholars connected with the Churches of this Association, there are 97 belonging to the Mission Stations, making a total of 2,793 scholars.

12. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	Mar. 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	Mar. 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	58	99	15	172	0	6	6	7	3	0	10	0	6	100
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	Joseph Garland,	June 21, 1848	S. S.	10	38	6	54	1	2	3	2	2	0	4	0	0	50
Claremont,	Uncertain '70?	Rob't F. Lawrence,	Jan. 29, 1834	Jan. 16, 1839	58	131	54	243	0	6	6	1	2	1	4	1	2	180
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	21	33	19	73	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	70
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	1 Sab. in 4 by Asso.	.....	.....	11	17	5	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	54	79	102	235	1	1	2	1	10	0	11	0	0	120
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Henry Richardson,	Nov. 23, 1831	S. S. Mar. 1850	14	24	12	50	7	2	9	3	3	0	6	0	0	60
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	Isaac Rogers,	Mar. 9, 1826	S. S. Feb. 13, '59	4	6	0	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50
Langdon,	1792	Josiah L. Armes,	June 25, 1846	S. S. Mar. 1858	13	27	3	43	6	0	6	2	1	0	3	2	1	60
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles L. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 1849	43	102	5	150	3	3	6	0	4	0	4	0	1	125
Lempster 1st, Ch.	Nov. 13, 1781	Robert W. Fuller,	June 16, 1841	S. S. July, '56	31	52	10	93	15	3	18	1	2	0	3	8	0	90
" 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837				7	18	7	27	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	75
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	25	39	40	104	11	2	13	1	3	0	4	10	3	100
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	71	119	60	250	1	5	6	10	7	0	17	1	7	174
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Jacob Scales,	Dec. 27, 1820	S. S. Oct. 1842	5	16	7	28	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	25
Washington,	May 9, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S. S. July, 1844	4	29	0	33	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842	June 26, 1851	38	63	5	106	0	3	3	1	3	0	4	0	4	120
Total, 17.		Pastors, 7. S. S., 7. Vacant Ch'hs, 2.			407	887	350	1704	49	34	83	34	41	1	76	24	25	1449

WITHOUT CHARGE. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, Ord. May 3, 1837; John N. Putnam, Hanover, Ord. October 6, 1852; David Kimball, Hanover, Ord. June 22, 1822; Charles B. Haddock, D. D., West Lebanon, Ord. November 3, 1824.

LICENTIATE. Cyrus S. Richards, Meriden.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Newport, *Scribe.* RUFUS CASE, West Lebanon, *Statistical Scribe.*

18. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	{ Enos George, { Jeremiah Blake,	Sept. 26, 1804	Sept. 26, 1804 S. S. 1859	54	74	63	191	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	200
Chichester,	1791	Joshua S. Gay,	Jan. 27, 1848	S. S. Aug. 1, '57	40	65	41	146	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	110
Epsom,	1761	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S. S. 1857	26	51	9	86	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	100
Gilmanton, 1st Ch.	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.			7	14	7	28	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
Gilmanton I. W'ks	Oct. 12, 1830	Jairus Ordway,	April 26, 1848	S. S. 1857	31	48	29	108	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	70
Loudon, 1st Ch.	1789	Enoch Corser,		1817 S. S. 1857	21	47	8	76	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	50
Loudon, 2d Ch.	Aug. 14, 1828	Vacant.			10	21	8	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	Henry C. Fay,	Dec. 29, 1858	Dec. 29, 1858	42	81	17	140	0	3	3	3	3	0	6	0	0	154
Nottingham,	1840	Jacob Hood,		S. S.	1	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	Dec. 12, 1854	47	113	40	200	0	4	4	2	1	0	3	0	2	155
Total, 10.		Pastors, 3. S. S., 6. Vacant Ch'hs, 2.			279	515	225	1019	2	15	17	10	5	2	17	1	6	939

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rufus A Putnam, Pembroke; E. H. Blanchard, West Concord; E. H. Caswell, Hooksett.

J. A. HOOD, Pittsfield, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

14. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.....	1788	J. H. Bates,	Mar. 16, 1853	Mar. 16, 1853	46	96	28	170	7	1	8	5	0	0	5	3	2	130
Bennington,.....	July 10, 1839	Wm. Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S. May, '59	15	38	0	53	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Hancock,.....	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	May 15, 1860	53	87	16	156	14	0	14	1	15	2	18	7	1	220
Deering,.....	Dec. 24, 1789	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	20	7	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65
Hillsboro' Bridge,..	May 29, 1839	H. Brickett,	Jan. 28, 1859	S. S.	20	49	3	72	8	5	13	0	0	0	0	4	0	170
Hillsboro' Center,..	Oct. 12, 1769	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	22	18	52	2	3	5	0	2	0	2	1	1	80
Greenfield 1st Ch...	Sept. 7, 1792	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S. Nov. '49	34	66	10	110	7	2	9	2	2	0	4	2	3	125
" Ev. Ch*..	Sept. 7, 1798	Dan'l McClenning,	.....	S. S. 1859	32	48	34	114	11	1	12	3	1	0	4	2	4	90
Francestown,.....	1773	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	84	157	47	288	23	4	27	12	9	0	21	9	12	400
New-Boston, Pres..	1768	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	56	117	20	193	13	2	15	3	5	0	8	6	3	224
Lyndeborough,....	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	47	67	17	131	12	3	15	4	1	0	5	9	8	151
Peterboro' Un. Ev.†	April 21, 1858	Vacant.	.....	.....	24	48	3	75	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	125
Total, 12.		Pastors, 5. S. S., 4. Vacant Ch'hs, 3.			430	815	203	1448	100	23	123	32	36	2	70	43	34	1855

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jonathan McGee, Nashua, Ord. January 13, 1819.

*Reorganized under its present name, January 7, 1834.

†Formed on the dissolution of two churches which occupied the same ground.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Tot.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Tot.	Li.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,	4	15	8	3	2	13	0	310	579	184	1073	51	33	84	15	20	5	40	33	22	1406
2. Caledonia,	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	48	105	20	173	5	1	6	3	1	0	4	5	1	335
3. Derry,	3	13	6	4	1	11	1	495	946	227	1668	43	35	78	33	46	0	79	21	17	1761
4. Harmony,	5	12	1	6	3	10	0	195	413	118	726	28	34	62	16	9	0	25	14	12	915
5. Hollis,	1	16	13	2	4	19	2	830	1811	518	3159	162	53	215	34	92	6	132	66	20	3380
6. Hopkinton,	4	19	14	1	3	18	2	690	1402	457	2549	104	36	140	53	45	0	98	46	36	2394
7. Lancaster,	1	4	1	2	1	4	0	70	150	30	250	7	6	13	5	5	0	10	6	3	392
8. Manchester,	0	11	7	3	1	11	1	398	916	297	1611	98	44	142	28	42	2	72	41	50	2044
9. Monadnock,	4	24	12	8	2	22	0	491	1153	362	2006	57	45	102	47	44	3	94	26	42	2747
10. Orange,	1	10	4	5	3	12	3	338	662	221	1221	72	22	94	11	35	0	46	47	12	1245
11. Piscataqua,	3	23	14	6	2	22	2	608	1535	380	2513	192	67	259	41	73	43	157	113	18	2793
12. Sullivan,	2	17	7	7	4	18	1	467	887	350	1704	49	34	83	34	41	1	76	24	25	1449
13. Suncook,	2	10	3	6	3	12	0	279	515	225	1019	2	15	17	10	5	2	17	1	6	939
14. Union,	3	12	5	4	1	10	0	430	815	203	1448	100	23	123	32	36	2	70	43	34	1857
Total, 14.	33	189	95	58	30	183	12	5649	11,879	3592	21,120	970	448	1418	362	494	64	920	486	298	23,661

EXPLANATIONS AND REMARKS.

THE Statistical year ends with the 31st of July. The printed tables and Summary consequently represent the membership of the churches on the 1st of August, 1859. Changes in the ministry, when known, are introduced until the time of going to press. Blanks in the tables indicate ignorance or carelessness. 0 signifies none.

CHURCHES. The number of churches remains unchanged. Dorchester, in Orange Association, has been added to the list, and Gilmanton East, reported last year by different names in two Associations, now appears but once. Every church connected with the General Association is reported this year. We print no returns of previous years. Of 189 churches, 6 are Presbyterian, 183 Congregational, 97 enjoy the labors of settled pastors, 56 employ stated supplies, 3 employ a licentiate, and 33 are vacant.

MEMBERS. From the results which are embodied in the Summary, it appears that 970 were added to the churches by profession, and 448 by letter—a total of 1418 during the year. In the same period, 362 were removed by death, 494 by dismission, and 64 by exclusion—a total of 920—which leaves an excess of 498 added members. The total membership, as reported August 1, 1859, is only 21,120, which is 124 less than the number reported in 1858, or a net loss of 622. This wide discrepancy may be explained (not justified) in the following ways: Several churches, in revising and correcting their lists, have omitted the names of persons previously reported, without giving the number in the column of *excluded*. Others have never secured the services of a competent and faithful Clerk, by whom their members shall be accurately reported from year to year. The returns, therefore, vary annually, without any apparent reason, unless we impeach the qualifications of those who happen to fill out the blanks. It is painful to publish tables of statistics which present such mistakes and contradictions.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. The returns under this head are much more complete than last year, and the increased number of scholars in some of the schools is very encouraging. We need a uniform standard by which to furnish reports, as some give only the average attendance, and others the whole number on their lists.

CATALOGUE. This contains the names and post-office address of all Presbyterian and Congregational Ministers residing in the State, of whom I could obtain reliable information. The returns from District Associations often fail to report the names of unassociated ministers, and the Scribes do not uniformly distinguish between the name of the church and the post-office address of the ministers, when a difference exists.

The following ministers, whose names were on our catalogue last year, have been removed by death: viz., THOMAS HALL, who died February 16, 1859, at Guildhall, Vt., aged 61; JOHN E. FARWELL, who died at Fitchburg, Mass., December 24, 1858, aged 49; GAD NEWELL, who died at Nelson, February 26, 1859, aged 95; JOHN RICHARDS, D. D., who died at Hanover, March 29, 1859, aged 62; NATHANIEL WELLS, who died at Deerfield, December 31, 1858, aged 84.

The changes consequent upon removals and dismissions are not reported so definitely as to admit of publication.

The Minutes are published this year by Messrs. McFarland & Jenks, who have superior facilities for printing. The expense is increased, but the new style of tables and other improvements will furnish some compensation. Much credit is due to those Statistical Scribes who have furnished early and full returns of their respective districts. I am also indebted to Rev. H. E. Parker, for kindly consenting to correct the proof sheets. Errors in names, dates, and other amendments, which will be of use in future issues, will be gladly received by the Statistical Secretary.

J. G. DAVIS,
Statistical Secretary.

AMHERST, October 14, 1859.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Adams Ezra, Gilsum. 9.
Adams John, Hanover Center. 10.
Alden Lucius, Newcastle. 11.
Angier Marshall B., Hopkinton. 6.
Anthony George N., Great-Falls. 11.
Armes Josiah L., Langdon. 12.
Austin Franklin D., East Jaffrey. 9.
Austin Samuel J., Wilton. 5.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 11.
Barstow Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 9.
Bartley John M. C., Pres., Hampstead. 3.
Batchelder John S., Jaffrey. 9.
Bates John S., Pres., Antrim. 14.
Benson Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Bigelow Asahel, Hancock. 14.
Bissell Oscar, Westmoreland. 9.
Blake Jeremiah, Barnstead. 13.
Blanchard Amos, Meriden. 12.
Blanchard E. H., West Concord. 13.
Blanchard Silas M., Wentworth. 10.
Bodwell Abraham, Sanbornton. 1.
Bouton Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 6.
Boutwell James, Sanbornton. 1.
Bowman George A., Pres., Manchester. 8.
Bradford Dana B., Salmon-Falls. 11.
Brickett Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 14.
Burnham Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 5.
Burnham Charles, Meredith. 1.
Buxton Edward, West Boscawen. 6.
Case Ira, Croydon.
Case Rufus, West Lebanon. 12.
Caswell Enoch H., Hooksett. 13.
Chapman Elias, Great-Falls. 11.
Claggett Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 14.
Claggett William, Bennington. 14.
Clark John, Plymouth. 1.
Clark William, Amherst. 5.
Cogswell Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston. 14.
Colby John, Hampton. 11.
Conant Liba, Hebron. 1.
Condit Uzal W., Deerfield. 3.
Corser Enoch, Loudon. 13.
Cummings Henry, Newport. 12.
Cummings Jacob, Exeter. 11.
Curtice Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 6.
Cutler Charles, Francestown. 14.
Cutter Adonijah H., Nelson. 9.
Dame Charles, Exeter.
Davis Increase S., Piermont. 10.
Davis Josiah G, Amherst. 5.
Day Pliny B., Hollis. 5.
Dinsmore John, North-Hampton. 11.
Dodge Joshua, Moultonborough. 4.
Doldt James, Milton. 4.
Downs Charles A., Lebanon. 12.
Duncan Thomas W., Roxbury. 9.
Dustan George, Peterborough.
Eaton Joseph M. R., Henniker. 6.
Emerson Noah, Hollis.
Fay Prescott, Lancaster. 7.
Fifield Winthrop, South-Newmarket. 11.
Fisher George E., Mason Village. 5.
Fiske Albert W., Fisherville. 6.
Follett Walter, Temple. 5.
Foster Amos, Acworth. 12.
French Daniel L., Hudson. 8.
Fuller Robert W., Lempster. 12.
Gay Joshua S., Chichester. 13.
George Enos, Barnstead. 1.
Gerould Moses, Canaan. 10.
Goodhue Daniel, Danbury. 1.
Goodhue Nath'l F., Alstead Paper Mill. 9.
Goodrich Lewis, Pembroke. 6.
Goodwin Daniel, Mason. 5.
Goodyear George, Temple. 5.
Greeley Edward H., Nashua. 5.
Griswold John F., Washington. 12.
Haddock Chas. B., D. D., W. Lebanon. 12.
Hadley James B., Campton. 1.
Hall Jeffries, Chesterfield. 9.

Hart Edwin J., Merrimack. 8.
Herrick William T., Pelham. 8.
Hidden Ephraim N., Derry. 8.
Hill Charles J., Nashua. 5.
Hill Joseph B., West Stewartstown. 7.
Hills James, Hollis.
Holmes James, Auburn. 8.
Hood Jacob A., Pittsfield. 13.
House William, Pres., Londonderry. 8.
Howland Harrison O., Chester. 8.
Humphrey John P., Winchester. 9.
Jennison Edwin, Walpole. 9.
Jewett John E. B., Jaffrey.
Jewett Leonard, Hollis.
Jewett William R., Plymouth. 1.
Jones Isaac, Derry. 8.
Jordan Ebenezer S., Wilton. 5.
Kendall Henry A., Concord. 6.
Kendall Sylvanus C., Milford. 9.
Kellogg Erastus M., Nashua. 5.
Kimball David, Hanover. 12.
Kimball Reuben, Conway. 4.
Kingsbury Samuel, Tamworth. 4.
Lanphear Orpheus T., Exeter. 11.
Lawrence John, Salem. 8.
Lawrence Robert F., Claremont. 12.
LeBosquet John, Greenfield. 14.
Lee Samuel, New-Ipswich. 5.
Leffingwell Marvin, Wakefield. 11.
Lord Charles E., Mont-Vernon. 5.
Lord Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 10.
Lyman Giles, Marlborough. 9.
Manning Abel, East Concord. 6.
Marshall Lyman, Manchester. 8.
Means James, West Lebanon.
McClenning Daniel, Greenfield. 14.
McGee Jonathan, Nashua. 14.
McLeod Hugh, Brentwood. 11.
Mellish John H., Kingston. 11.
Merrill Enos, Orford. 10.
Merrill Horatio, Salisbury. 6.
Merrill John H., Tamworth. 4.
Merrill Stephen, North Wolfborough. 4.
Moody Howard, Canterbury. 6.
Moore Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 5.
Morse Josiah, Northumberland. 7.
Newhall Ebenezer, Pres., Litchfield. 8.
Noyes Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 12.
Ordway Jairus, Gilmanton I. Works. 13.
Otis Israel T., Rye. 11.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 8.
Page William, Bath. 10.
Palmer James M., Rochester. 11.
Parker Henry E., Concord. 6.
Parsons Benjamin F., Dover. 11.
Parsons Ebenezer G., Derry. 8.
Patrick William, Boscawen. 6.
Patten Abel, Alstead. 9.
Pratt T. C., Hampstead. 8.
Price Ebenezer, Boston, Mass. 6.
Putnam John M., Dunbarton. 8.
Putnam John N., Hanover. 12.
Putnam Rufus A., Pembroke. 13.
Ray John W., Manchester. 8.
Richards Austin, Nashua. 5.
Richardson Elias H., Dover. 11.
Richardson Henry, Goshen. 12.
Robie Edward, Greenland. 11.
Rogers Isaac, Enfield. 12.
Rowe Elihu T., Meriden. 12.
Sargent Roger M., Gilmanton. 1.
Savage Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 8.
Savage William T., Franklin. 6.
Sawin Thomas P., Brookline. 5.
Sawyer Daniel, South Merrimack. 5
Sawyer, R. M., Great-Falls. 11.
Scales Jacob, Plainfield. 12.
Sheldon Nathaniel W., Stoddard. 9.
Shephard John W., Nashua.
Shurtleff Roswell, D. D., Hanover. 10.
Smith Ambrose, Boscawen. 6.
Smith Bezaleel, East Alstead. 9.
Smith William S., Stratham. 11.
Smith Windsor A., Orford. 10.
Spaulding Alva, Cornish. 12.
Spaulding Wm. S., Bristol. 6.
Stearns Josiah H., Epping. 11.
Stinson George W., Sullivan. 9.
Stone Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 6.
Stow John M., Walpole. 9.
Tenney Asa P., West Concord. 6.
Tenny Erdix, Lyme. 10.
Thayer Loren, Pres., Windham. 3.
Thompson George W., Stratham. 11.
Tobey Alvan, Durham. 11.
Townsend Luther, Troy. 9.
Tuttle William G., Harrisville. 9.
Wallace Cyrus W., Manchester. 8.
Ward Jonathan, Brentwood.
Warren Daniel, Warner. 6.
Wells Moses H., Hinsdale. 9.
Wells Theodore, Dorchester. 11.
White Broughton, Acworth.
White Seneca, Amherst.
Willey Charles, Barrington. 11.
Willey Isaac, Goffstown. 8.
Wilson John G., Swanzey. 9.
Wood Horace, Ossipee Center. 4.
Wood John, Wolfborough. 4.
Woods John, Fitzwilliam. 9.
Young John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT CLAREMONT, AUGUST, 1860.

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

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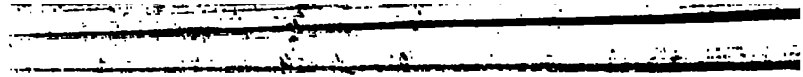

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE assembled in the Congregational Church in Claremont, on Tuesday, August 28, 1860, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a *Concio ad Clerum* by Rev. Asa P. Tenney, of West Concord, from Luke 17 : 20, 21.

After sermon, the preacher took the chair. Credentials of Delegates were presented, and the following members enrolled :

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Wm. R. Jewett, Royal Parkinson.

Derry—Uzal W. Condit.

Harmony—John Wood.

Hollis—E. H. Greeley.

Hopkinton—Benj. P. Stone, D. D., Wm. T. Savage, Asa P. Tenney, Edward Buxton.

Lancaster—Prescott Fay.

Manchester—Cyrus W. Wallace.

Monadnock—John M. Stowe, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., T. M. Duncan, Bezaleel Smith.

Orange—William Page.

Piscataqua—J. H. Stearns.

Sullivan—Henry Cummings, Chas. A. Downs, John F. Griswold.

Suncook—Jairus Ordway.

Union—Erastus B. Claggett, Geo. Dustan.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Hon. William Haile, Dea. Daniel Adams, Dea. C. P. Frost.

Coös—Dea. D. G. Hutchinson, Bro. John P. Dennison.

Hillsborough—Dea. B. B. David, Dea. Sumner Christie, Dea. David Fisk.

Merrimack—Dea. B. Gile, Dea. —— Sawyer.

Rockingham—Dea. John Knowlton, Dea. Hayden Higley, Dea. T. J. Melvin.

Strafford—Dea. Thomas Adams, Dea. S. Hidden.

Sullivan—Dea. Jos. Wilcox, Dea. S. B. Duncan, Dea. A. Smith.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. David Thurston, D. D.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. Benj. F. Clark.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Henry Jones.

General Association of Iowa—Rev. B. P. Spaulding.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.—Rev. Henry Little.

New-Hampshire Methodist Conference—Rev. Robert S. Stubbs.

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Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Rev. J. G. Davis, Rev. Asa P. Tenney.

The Association was organized by the election of Rev. C. W. Wallace, Moderator; Rev. J. H. Stearns, Scribe, and Rev. Bezaleel Smith, Assistant Scribe.

The Moderator led in prayer.

The rules of the Association were read by the Secretary.

Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Hon. William Haile, and Rev. Wm. R. Jewett were appointed a Committee of Overtures..

Adjourned till 1½ o'clock P. M.

1½ *o'clock.* The Association met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the morning sessions commence at 8 o'clock.

Rev. Messrs. Wm. T. Savage, E. H. Greeley, and R. Parkinson were appointed a committee to receive the narratives of the state of religion, and report thereon.

Rev. Dr. Barstow, Rev. John Wood and Dea. John Knowlton were appointed a Committee on Nominations.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stone—*Voted*, That all Congregational and Presbyterian clergymen of this State who are present, be invited to sit with the Association as honorary members, with all the privileges of other members, except that of voting.

On motion of Rev. A. P. Tenney—*Voted*, That the same invita-

tion be extended to all lay brethren of our churches who may be present.

Narratives of the state of religion in the churches were given by delegates of the District Associations.

The Christian salutations of the General Conference of Maine, the General Association of Connecticut, the General Association of Iowa and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.), were presented by their respective Delegates.

Rev. Jacob Cummings, having attended the last meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada, gave an account of the condition and prospects of their churches.

United in prayer with Rev. Mr. Kendall.

At the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, the following appointments were made:

Rev. William T. Savage, Dr. J. K. Young, Dr. Z. S. Barstow, and Hon. William Haile, a committee to consider a communication received from a committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) through their Delegates, inviting the Association to unite with them in a friendly conference on the relations of the two denominations in the American Home Missionary Society.

Rev. Henry Little, of Madison, Ind., to preach this evening.

Rev. Dr's David Thurston and B. P. Stone to officiate at the Lord's table on Thursday afternoon.

The next annual meeting of the Association to be held at the North Church, in Portsmouth.

The Lancaster Association to furnish a preacher for the opening service.

Rev. William R. Jewett to prepare a Pastoral Letter.

Rev. R. F. Lawrence to preach before the communion service.

Rev. Jacob Cummings, Secretary of Sabbath Schools.

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Auditor.

Rev. Dr's N. Bouton, A. W. Burnham, J. K. Young, N. Lord, Z. S. Barstow, Austin Richards, Rev. Messrs. Thomas Savage, J. Woods, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey, A. Bodwell, John Wood, to certify to the standing of ministers.

Rev. Messrs. J. G. Davis, J. H. Stearns, B. Smith and Dr. B. P. Stone, Committee on Publication.

Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., was chosen Secretary.

Voted, That a tax of fifty cents be assessed on the members of the District Associations for the coming year.

Voted, That Rev. S. W. Hanks, for the American Seaman's Friend Society; Rev. L. B. Rockwood, for the American Tract Society, New-York; Rev. C. P. Bush, for the American Tract Society, Boston; Rev. H. T. Cheever, for the Church Anti-Slavery Society; Rev. David Thurston, D. D., for the American Missionary Association, and Rev. J. W. Turner, for the American Sunday School Union, be allowed to occupy ten minutes each on Wednesday forenoon.

Voted, To attend the Sabbath School Anniversary in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock.

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7 *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

Rev. J. G. Davis, chairman of the committee appointed last year, "to carry into effect the recommendation of the report" then adopted "in regard to a State Conference," or the introduction of a lay delegation into the Association, presented a report, which was accepted.

Voted, To consider it article by article.

After a partial examination, it was laid on the table.

Public worship. Opening services by Rev. David Thurston, D. D.

Sermon, by Rev. Henry Little, on the relation of the family to individual character; from Joshua 24: 15, last clause.

Association adjourned.

Wednesday. Morning prayer meeting at ½ past 5 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Barstow.

The Association met at 8 o'clock.

After prayer, the minutes of the preceding day were read by the scribe.

The report in regard to a lay delegation was taken up, several articles discussed and adopted.

A communication from the Hollis Association was received and laid on the table till time should appear for its consideration.

The same disposal was made of several resolutions on Slavery, presented by the Committee of Overtures.

Rev. Mr. Tobey led in prayer.

Interesting statements were made by the Delegates of the General Association of Massachusetts and the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference, respecting the bodies which they represented.

Rev. Messrs. Hanks, Rockwood, Bush, Cheever, Thurston and Turner, made addresses, according to the arrangement announced on Tuesday afternoon.

Voted, To attend the anniversary meetings of the N. H. Bible Society and the N. H. Branch Education Society in the afternoon.

Adjourned till 1½ P. M.

At 11 o'clock, according to previous arrangement, the Association joined the Sabbath School procession, and attended the following services at the Town Hall: Singing; Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Emerson, of the Sandwich Islands; Singing; Report by the Secretary of the Sabbath School Union, Rev. Jacob Cummings; Singing; Address, by Hon. T. J. Melvin, on the bearing of Sabbath Schools on the welfare of our country; Address, by Rev. William Warren, on the bearing of Sabbath Schools on the cause of Christ in the world; Address, by Rev. Asa Bullard; Singing; Benediction, by Rev. David Thurston, D. D.

1½ *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

The report respecting a lay delegation received further consideration.

At 2 o'clock, on motion of Dr. Barstow—*Voted*, To give place to the Bible Society.

The venerable President, Daniel Adams, M. D., took the chair.

After singing, the Scriptures were read by Rev. Mr. Williams, of the Assyrian mission, who also led in prayer.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., and the Secretary, Rev. J. Willey, having presented their reports, an interesting and stirring address was made by Rev. J. H. Dwight, son of Rev. H. G. O. Dwight, D. D., of Constantinople.

After the exercises of the Bible Society were concluded, Prof. Daniel J. Noyes, President of the New-Hampshire Branch of the American Education Society, called that body to order. The Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Bouton, offered his report, which was accepted. The Secretary, Prof. Brown, made a verbal report. Remarks were offered by Rev. Messrs. D. J. Noyes, Z. S. Barstow, H. Little, C. W.

Wallace, D. Thurston, E. H. Greeley, U. W. Condit and William Clark.

The officers of last year were reëlected.

At the conclusion of these services, the Association resumed its session.

Rev. Dr. Bouton presented the report of James Moulton, Jr., Secretary of the Widows' Charitable Fund, remarking that if the Pastoral Convention should be discontinued, the annual income of the fund would probably be diminished about $25, the sum which that body has contributed.

The report of the committee on lay delegation and reörganization was taken up. Having been deliberately discussed, and in parts amended, it was read again, and thereupon adopted as the constitution and rules of the General Association.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stone, Messrs. Greeley and Jewett were appointed a committee to nominate such committees as should be required under the new organization. Adjourned to ½ of 7 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Rev. E. B. Claggett—*Voted*, That the thanks of this body be expressed to the Committee on a Lay Delegation, for their careful, patient and laborious investigation of the subject, and for their mature and highly successful report.

At the request of Messrs. Greeley and Jewett, Dr. Stone was added to the committee to nominate committees under the new constitution.

The Pastoral Letter, prepared and read by Rev. Edward Buxton, was accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

As the duties of Treasurer now devolve on the Statistical Secretary, it was *Voted*, on motion of Rev. U. W. Condit, that the General Association hereby express their thanks to Rev. A. P. Tenney for his long and valuable services as Treasurer of this body.

A letter from Rev. E. M. Kellogg was read, reporting his attendance as Delegate at the General Associations of Michigan and Illinois.

Rev. Dr. Barstow read a letter from a Committee of the General Association of Iowa, respecting the American Home Missionary Society, which was referred to the Committee on the subject of Home Missions.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted:

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine, in Thomaston, on Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (25th,) 1861:

Primary, Rev. H. Merrill.
Substitute, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D.

To the General Convention of Vermont, in Rutland, June 18, 1861:

Primary, Rev. C. A. Downs.
Substitute, Rev. James Boutwell.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, in Ware, June 25, 1861:

Primary, Rev. Charles J. Hill.
Substitute, Rev. U. W. Condit.

To the General Association of Connecticut, in Bridgeport, June 18, 1861:

Primary, Rev. T. W. Duncan.
Substitute, Rev. Samuel Lee.

To the General Consociation of Rhode-Island, in Bristol, June 11, 1861:

Primary, Rev. C. Cutler.
Substitute, Rev. H. E. Parker.

To the General Association of New-York, in Syracuse, September 18, 1860:

Primary, Rev. R. F. Lawrence.
Substitute, Rev. A. Richards, D. D.

To the Ohio Congregational Conference, in Cincinnati, June 13, 1861:

Primary, Rev. C. E. Lord.
Substitute, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, in Madison, October 4, 1860:

Primary, Rev. D. B. Bradford.
Substitute, Rev. William T. Savage.

To the General Association of Michigan, at Ann-Arbor, on the third Thursday of May, 1861:

Primary, Rev. H. Cummings.
Substitute, Rev. C. W. Wallace.

To the General Association of Iowa, in Waterloo, June 5, 1861:

Primary, Rev. William R. Jewett.
Substitute, Rev. J. Cummings.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) Syracuse, N. Y., May 16, 1861:

Primary, Rev. R. Case.
Substitute, Rev. J. H. Stearns.

To the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, at ——:

Primary, Rev. M. Gerould.
Substitute, Rev. J. Ordway.

To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference, at Concord, May, 1861:

Primary, Rev. J. G. Davis.
Substitute, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D.

To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention, at Newport, October 16:

Primary, Rev. J. M. Stowe.
Substitute, Rev. J. P. Humphrey.

To the Congregational Union of Canada, in Kingston, C. W., June 12, 1861, at 4 o'clock P. M.:

Primary, Rev. A. P. Tenney.
Substitute, Rev. H. Cummings.

To the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Kansas, May 23, 1861:

Primary, Rev. I. Willey.
Substitute, Rev. W. R. Jewett.

To the Congregational Association of Oregon, September 6, 1860:

Primary, Rev. J. W. Ray.
Substitute, Rev. B. Smith.

To the Congregational Association of California, October, 1860:

Primary, Rev. H. Brickett.
Substitute, Rev. J. Scales.

The Committee on Conference with the Presbyterian Church presented their report, which was read, and assigned to the session of Thursday, A. M.

At the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, it was *Voted*, That Reverends E. H. Greeley and J. G. Davis, with Dea. J. A. Wheat, of Nashua, act as Committee of Inquiry for the year 1861; and that Reverends Amos Blanchard and Robert F. Lawrence act as Committee on Narratives for the same year.

The hour of public religious services having arrived, Rev. C. D. Jefferds, of Chester, Vt., offered prayer, when the Rev. W. Warren,

District Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, introduced the Rev. S. Emerson, of the Sandwich Islands, and Rev. W. F. Williams, of the Assyrian mission, who presented instructive and animated descriptions of the present state and prospects of the Missionary cause in the countries in which they have labored.

After singing, the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Thurston, of Maine. Association adjourned.

Thursday. Morning prayer meeting conducted by Rev. A. Tobey.

At 8 o'clock A. M. the Association resumed its session. Prayer was offered by Rev. Jacob Scales, and the minutes of the previous day were read.

Rev. Dr. Barstow reported his attendance as Delegate at the meeting of the General Association of Connecticut. Rev. Dr. Stone also reported his attendance at the meeting of the General Conference of Minnesota.

Voted, That the Statistical Secretary and the Committee of Inquiry be a committee to apportion the assessments required of the several Conferences, and publish the same in the Minutes.

The following report of the Committee on Conference with the Presbyterian Assembly was taken from the table, discussed and adopted, without dissent:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the proposal made to this Association by a committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, asking a Committee of Conference on the subject of Home Missions, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report:

From papers submitted to us by the General Assembly's Committee, and from statements made by the respected Delegate from that body, it appears that the principles and policy proceeded upon by the Assembly in the Home Missionary work are, in some points, in conflict with the action of the American Home Missionary Society.

It appears, also, that at its last session, at Pittsburg, the General Assembly resolved that it is "incumbent on the Presbyterian Church to maintain firmly the principles and policy which have been heretofore adopted and acted upon by the General Assembly" on this subject.

They also affirmed that it is no longer an open question whether they should go forward or backward in the work, and that they regard it as a duty laid upon them by the Great Head of the Church not to recede, but to advance in it.

Holding these views, the Assembly yet expresses the desire to effect and maintain a good understanding and continued coöperation with the Congregational brethren. And, having found "all endeavors to effect a satisfactory adjustment of the matters of difference with the Home Missionary Society fruitless," it asks us, with other Congregational bodies, to meet in the proposed Conference.

The American Home Missionary Society, from its organization to the present time, has been the principal agency by which the church connected with this Association have prosecuted their work in the West. Those churches approve, and have ever approved, its principles and method of coöperative effort, and wish still to unite with all desiring it on the common and unsectarian basis on which the enterprise has been hitherto conducted. That basis they do not desire to abandon. The Conference proposed, with the accompanying avowals set forth as the grounds of its action, would seem to contemplate such abandonment. In reply, therefore, to the proposal made by the Assembly, we recommend the adoption by the Association of the following:

1. *Resolved*, That this Association highly appreciates the great work to which the Supreme Head of the Church calls the Presbyterian and the Congregational churches in the Home Missionary field; that we give thanks for the hearty cooperation of these churches in past years in extending the kingdom of Christ in the land, and that we bless God for the result achieved in the establishment of the common faith and the gospel ordinances, where they were not before enjoyed. This fellowship and fruit of labors shall not be lost.

2. *Resolved*, That if the calls of God and the development of the greatest christian energies of the Presbyterian church are thought to require its relinquishment of effort and coöperation with us in the Home Missionary Society, we will cheerfully acquiesce, and bid our brethren God-speed in the great and good, though separate work into which they are led.

3. *Resolved*, That in the proposal made to us to confer with the committee of the General Assembly, on the grounds proposed, we cannot see prospect of good results, and that we are, therefore, constrained to decline it.

Which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM T. SAVAGE,
Z. S. BARSTOW,
WILLIAM HAILE,
JOHN K. YOUNG,
} *Committee.*

The resolutions on the subject of Slavery were taken from the table, read, and referred to Rev. Messrs. Smith, Condit, Greeley, and Hon. William Haile, as a committee to report on the same.

The memorial from the Hollis Association was taken from the table and read. The object of this communication having been anticipated, as far as practicable, by the rules of proceeding under the new organization, the subject was dismissed.

At 9 o'clock—*Voted*, To adjourn till 1½ P. M., that members might attend the annual meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, in the vestry, and the public services at 10 o'clock.

Meeting for choice of officers. Hon. William Haile in the chair.

At 10 o'clock, public religious services in the church. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D., of New-York. Annual report read by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark; after which Rev. A Phelps, D. D., of Andover, Mass., delivered a discourse on the application of the Gospel to the masses. After which Dr. Coe presented the special claims of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, in a brief address. After singing and the benediction, on motion of Rev. Dr. Stone, it was *Voted*, That the thanks of this Society be presented to Rev. Dr. Phelps, for his very able and interesting address on this occasion.

1½ *o'clock P. M.* The Association met according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom resolutions on Slavery were referred, offered the following substitute, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the disapproval and abhorrence of the grievous sin and wrong of slavery and slaveholding, often expressed by this body, continues unabated; and in view of the powerful influence exerted upon public opinion and practice by christian churches and the christian ministry, this sin and wrong should, in its judgment, meet the same kind yet firm, decided and constant rebuke in the ministrations of the pulpit and the action of christians with which other prevalent moral wrongs are visited.

The Committee on Narratives presented their report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay such bills of the Association as shall accrue during the year. The Minutes were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. William R. Jewett—*Voted*, That the pastor of this church present the thanks of the Association to the people of Claremont who have favored us with their generous hospitality, and to the choir for their valued services.

An appropriate sermon, by Rev. J. P. Humphrey, from Matthew 27 : 42, was followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Reverends Dr. Thurston and Stone officiating at the table. After the Benediction, the Association adjourned.

C. W. WALLACE, *Moderator.*

J. H. STEARNS, *Scribe.*

BEZALEEL SMITH, *Assistant Scribe.*

PASTORAL LETTER

OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE TO THE CHURCHES IN THEIR CONNECTION.

DEAR BRETHREN—

HAVING, in our last Annual Address, urged upon you the duty "to advance with accelerated progress in the Lord's service," permit us now, in pursuance of this object, to call your attention more particularly to the duty of having power with God in prayer. As Jacob wrestled with the angel of the covenant, and prevailed, so also has God made provision for all his people, to wrestle and prevail with him at the throne of grace. Therefore it is, that "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

In the economy which God has established for making known the riches of his grace, the efficacy of prayer is made very prominent. The results which are contemplated in this gracious economy, God reaches, not so much by immediate acts of his power, as through the intervention of second causes, especially through the efficacy of prayer. As he furnishes his people with the means of subsistence, by causing the earth, on condition of proper cultivation, to bring forth fruit of herself—"first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear"—so he bestows on them the blessings of the gospel, by "working in them both to will and to do," that, in reliance on him, they may "work out their own salvation." As, in the economy of nature, the golden harvest is secured by the use of means, so, in the economy of grace, the salvation of souls and the attainment of eminent degrees of holiness are granted in answer to prayer. The Savior says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened." "If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Here, while the people of God are assured that in answer to prayer he will bestow on them the blessings of the gospel, it is forcibly implied, that, if they do not pray for these blessings, they shall not receive them. Low attainments in personal piety, and a feeble sense of the consolations of the gospel, are sure indications of a criminal neglect of the duty of prayer.

On the efficacy of the prayers of the church, the conversion of sinners and the spread of the gospel are, in a great measure, suspended. By the petition, "thy kingdom come," the Savior assures us that the spiritual blessings comprised in the coming of his kingdom are to descend upon the world in answer to the prayers of his people. The fulfillment of the promise of these blessings is realized only in proportion as his people earnestly cry unto him, "O Lord

revive thy work," and in the words of the Apostle Paul, can truthfully say, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." As the prayers of the apostle availed much for the conversion of "his brethren, his kinsmen according to the flesh," so it is through the prayers of the church that the veil is yet to be removed from their hearts, and "the receiving of them" is to be as "life from the dead." The prayers of the church must have prevalence, also, for obtaining a fulfillment of the promise contained in the prophecy of Isaiah, "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee." True it is, that sinners can be converted and the gospel spread through the world only by the power of God. It is also true, that, in order to bring about these results, according to the gospel plan of salvation, his people at the throne of grace must have power with him. They are permitted to anticipate these results only through the prevalence of their prayers.

Therefore, brethren, grace to have power with God in prayer, you should earnestly and confidently seek, not by your "own righteousness which is of the law," but by "that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." Though in yourselves sinful, unworthy, and without strength, yet "Surely," you may say, "in the Lord have I righteousness and strength." Christ offers you his name, his spirit, and his intercession, that, through faith in him, you may come boldly to the throne of grace. In Christ are given you exceeding great and precious promises; especially that of the Holy Spirit, to help your infirmities, and to make intercession for you according to the will of God. Can you conceive that more encouraging provision could be made for your obtaining grace to prevail with God in prayer, than that which the gospel presents to you? To this end, what could be more for your encouragement than the promise of the power of Christ to rest on you, and of the Holy Spirit to rest in you? In regard to the attainment of this grace, God has never said to the seed of Jacob, "Seek ye me in vain." If any one thirsts for this grace, Christ says, "Let him come unto me and drink."

But, brethren, consider what this grace is, and what the reception of it implies; lest, when you come to the Savior for it, he have occasion to say to you, as he did to the sons of Zebedee, when they desired for themselves the chief places in his kingdom, "Ye know not what ye ask." Be not surprised, if, in regard to your attainment of this grace, he shall say to you as he did to them, "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" When you ask for grace to prevail with God in prayer, consider whether you are ready to have your petition granted; to have Christ, in granting it, say to you as he did to the Apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness;" and, in view of this declaration, to say with the apostle, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak then am I strong."

Do not imagine that power with God in prayer may proceed from any of those things in which Paul was disposed to glory, while he was alive without the law, and in regard to which he says, "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ." Do not mistake the mere excitement of the natural faculties and sympathies for the work of the Holy Spirit in helping your infirmities, and making intercession for you, and for the power of Christ resting on you. For, if in regard to prayer you thus indulge a groundless confidence, you will be brought into spiritual bondage, and suffer disappointment, having occasion to apply to yourselves the words of the apostle James, "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss."

That you may obtain a scriptural and unwavering confidence at the throne of grace, "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure," by being "doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves"; by endeavoring to obtain a deep spiritual insight into the doctrines and work of grace, and by seeking to have your hope grounded in the spiritual understanding and belief of such declarations of the Holy Scriptures as that of Paul to Timothy, "God hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ before the world began." That you may have power with God in prayer, learn to fill your mouth with arguments at the throne of grace. To this end, study the divine promises which comprise, in their fullness, all that, according to the will of God, you should ask. Study also the subject of prayer, which relates to your individual growth in grace and fruitfulness in the service of Christ, to the edification of the church, to the conversion of sinners, and to the evangelization of world. "In every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." With the same particularity acquaint yourselves with each other's state and prospects, and endeavor clearly to apprehend the case of individuals who are yet out of Christ, and to lay hold on every scriptural ground of encouragement to hope for their conversion. Let your hearts embrace every point of vital interest, wherever God is manifestly working for the destruction of Satan's kingdom, and for the furtherance of the gospel.

Before God let your closets bear witness of the fullness and fervency of your secret devotions. Love social prayer. Be constant and earnest at the family altar, and assiduously avail yourselves of the various opportunities afforded you by divine Providence, for uniting with your brethren in seasons of religious conference and prayer. Faithfully maintain your weekly prayer-meetings. While you profess to love Christ and his cause, suffer not your absence from these meetings to testify against the sincerity of your profession. Make it manifest to the world that you highly appreciate the privilege of being present where Christ has promised to meet his people.

In all your concerns for time and eternity, derive strength and encouragement only from God, by "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Thus, brethren, may you have wrought out in your personal experience the import of the declaration which was made to Jacob when he had wrestled with the angel of the covenant, "As a prince hast thou power with God, and with man, and hast prevailed."

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In bringing to view the state of religion within the limits of the General Association of New-Hampshire, if we would give to facts their true significance, it is necessary to group them in their proper relations to the laws of their production, and to the Providence of God under which they occur.

He would be a poor observer of nature, who, passing over this goodly State in the month of *leafy June*, should make report—"from the banks of the Connecticut to the shore of the ocean, there are no orchards hanging with rich fruits;" or who, passing from Coös to the Southern line in desolate winter, should cry—"from Dan to Beersheba the land is all barren!" After the orchards have rested, for a season or more, from bearing, there sometimes comes a year in which lavish nature pours out her utmost exuberance, and every tree and spray is loaded with richest fruit. All facts should be observed in connexion with the magnificent energies and laws engaged in their production, whether occurring in the physical or spiritual world,—whether in the domain of nature or of grace.

From the District Associations the well-nigh universal report is, "There have, the past year, been no revivals within our bounds." Is all, therefore, barren? Let him believe it who can. Grouping the facts under a wider law, and taking them in a larger series, we reach a different result. The returns made to us speak of peace and external prosperity; good attendance on the worship of the sanctuary, and increasing interest in the Sabbath Schools.

The returns of the District Associations are defective; some are entirely wanting. We must, therefore, judge from samples. There is a vivacious voice from Coös. "This part of the State," says the delegate from Lancaster, "is sometimes termed its '*picked end*.'" "True," he adds, "but it is a sublime end. I may not speak," he continues, "of the wondrous beauty and grandeur of the mountain scenery, but rather of the *people* whose happy fortune it is to dwell in that glorious part of nature's temple. Lancaster Association, though small, is set in a large place; set to be the light and life of a region 80 miles in extent, north and south." Of the four churches composing it (this is the record), "The church in Dalton is in a more hopeful condition than for many years past. They have recently repaired their place of worship, and when they *have* preaching—of which there is but a partial supply—they fill the house with an interesting and appreciative audience. The church of Stewartstown is in a promising condition. The church of Colebrook have recently repaired their house of worship, built an elegant parsonage, and a pastor has recently entered on his labors there under very happy auspices. Of the church in Lancaster it is said, "We have not been permitted, as at other times, to see scores from all ages flocking into the kingdom. But we have been permitted to see those who then stood up for Jesus, *continue* to *stand*, and to grow in all those elements of knowledge, piety, fidelity and charity, which go to make up a strong church. We have done something the past year, by legal means, to check intemperance; but we are now laboring chiefly to rectify public sentiment, knowing that this inhabiting devil can be exorcised from any community at any time which it chooses; that is, when public sentiment so directs."

From this field of moral struggle we turn to a larger. Monadnock Association has 24 churches. All these, it is reported, have been blessed with tempo-

ral peace and prosperity; yet, in no one of them, has a revival of religion occurred. The whole number added is only about two thirds as great as the loss; yet nearly all of the returns speak of increased congregations in the sanctuary; the cause of Temperance has received more attention, and the spirit of benevolence has advanced somewhat in most of the churches. From these two Associations we may know the general condition of all.

It is our privilege, however, to speak of a few instances of special grace from on high. Revivals of much interest have been enjoyed in the towns of Barrington, in Piscataqua Association, and Hampstead, in Derry. Facts might be gathered from other Associations like the following from Sullivan: "One has united with the church in Acworth on profession of faith; two with the church in Lebanon; three with that in Cornish, and three with that in Meriden; four with the church in Enfield; four with that in Claremont, and ten with the church in Hanover. The church in Enfield reports an addition of fifteen by profession and letter, which more than doubles the number with which it commenced the year.

From Dartmouth College we have the following report:—"The religious condition of the College during the year has been encouraging. Of the 300 students, about one third are professors of religion, and in general very consistent and active christians. They sustain a number of prayer meetings during the week, for their own improvement and the spiritual good of their fellow students. Though there has been no revival in the College during the year, there have been some cases of conversion, and four of the students have united with the church in this place. The year has been distinguished for unusual sobriety, good order, and faithful study on the part of the young men of the College. We look for greater blessings, in answer to the prayer of the churches and the friends of the College."

The cause of Temperance, in some parts of the State, has not been prosperous, but has appeared to recede. A greater rallying of moral forces is needed to stem the tide of dissipation, and give the enterprise success.

Death has been busy among the ranks of the ministry during the past year. Rev. J. M. C. Bartley, of Hampstead, Rev. Stephen Merrill, of North Wolfborough, Rev. A. H. Cutter, of Nelson, and Rev. Daniel L. French, of Hudson, have been called from their spheres of earthly service to higher service and reward above. The aged fathers, also, Rev. Jonathan Ward and Rev. Enos George, after long service, have been taken to their rest in the skies.

The Association has been permitted to receive fraternal salutations and religious tidings from our brethren in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Iowa, and from the Presbyterian church in the United States. A communication, also, has been received from the brethren in Kansas. We cordially reciprocate the kind Christian feeling thus manifested, and shall not fail to be interested in their welfare, and to implore the blessing of our common Lord to rest upon them.

On the whole, while, in the orderings and march of God's providence, it has not been harvest time with us, and we have not been privileged to welcome large numbers to our churches, we regard the past year as one of Christian faith and stability, and the development of Christian energy and enterprise in the Master's service.

The churches and the ministry are sound in the Christian faith, and they are alive with the energies of eternal love. As with the hills and valleys among which we are now assembled, the everlasting granite is underneath, the skies bend lovingly above, and the air breathes clearly around us. If we are faithful in the truth and the activities of the divine life, in due time the showers shall again descend, converts to righteousness shall be multiplied, the mountains and hills shall break forth into singing, and all the trees shall clap their hands.

WILLIAM T. SAVAGE, *for the Committee.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

In account with J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

1860.		*Cr.*	
Aug. 29.	By cash received of Rev. A. P. Tenney,	$44.19	
Aug. 30.	By donation of Reuben Roundy,	.50	
Sept. 1.	By balance of Hillsborough Co. Conf. Collection,	2.77	
Sept. 17.	By balance of tax due from Piscataqua Association,	2.00	
	By carried to account of next year,	17.75	
			$67.21
1860.		*Dr.*	
Sept. 3.	For distributing Minutes of 1859, wrapping, and postage,	4.33	
Sept. 3.	For express freight from Concord, Oct. 5,	.40	
Sept. 3.	Statistical Secretary's bill, postage, and stationery,	4.48	
Sept. 17.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing 400 copies of Minutes of 1859,	58.00	
			$67.21

By the entries of the late Treasurer, it appears that the assessed taxes for 1859 are still due from Hopkinton, Manchester, Orange, and Union Associations. If these arrears are fully paid, and the tax of fifty cents per member, assessed at Claremont, duly collected, the debts incurred for printing the Minutes of the current year will be paid by the District Associations. Should the assessments apportioned among the several Conferences also be paid at or before the next meeting, we shall be able thereafter to defray our current expenses as they fall due. It is highly important that the taxes of the Associations, and the assessments of the Conferences, should both be paid with promptness. The expenses of the Association will of necessity be increased under the new organization, and this provision is required to meet them. I subjoin a list of the Conferences which are expected to unite in the Association, and the sums apportioned to each by the Committee on Assessments.

J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

Cheshire County Conference meets second Wednesday of June at . Rev. Ezra Adams, Gilsum, Clerk. Assessment,	$9.00
Grafton County Conference meets at . ——, Clerk. Assessment,	7.00
Hillsborough County Conference meets second Tuesday of June, at Peterborough. Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis, Clerk. Assessment,	20.00
Lancaster Conference meets at . ——, Clerk. Assessment,	2.00
Merrimack County Conference meets at . Rev. H. Merrill, Salisbury, Clerk. Assessment,	12.00
Rockingham County Conference meets second Wednesday of June, at Exeter. Rev. Winthrop Fifield, South-Newmarket, Clerk. Assessment,	14.00
Strafford (old) County Conference meets third Tuesday of June, at Rochester. Rev. R. M. Sargent, Farmington, Clerk. Assessment,	10.00
Sullivan County Conference meets at . Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Claremont, Clerk. Assessment,	4.00
	$78.00

At the request of Rev. J. G. Davis, Treasurer, I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and fully vouched.

WILLIAM CLARK.

AMHERST, September 27, 1860.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice, the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND was held at the office of the Secretary, June 6, 1860.

Present,—Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. H. E. Parker, Rev. L. Goodrich, Hon. Francis N. Fisk, Rev. A. P. Tenney, and James Moulton, Jr.

The Treasurer made his Annual Report, which, on motion, it was voted to accept.

Voted, That Mrs. Farwell, now residing at Fitchburg, Mass., be received as a beneficiary of the Fund.

Elected Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D., *President.*
JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*
FRANCIS N. FISK, *Treasurer.*

Voted, That the President, Secretary and Treasurer, constitute the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Elected JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Auditor.*

Voted, To adjourn.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widdows' Charitable Fund, June 6, 1860,

Voted, That the sum of twenty-five dollars each, be appropriated and paid the following persons:

Mrs. Rebecca French, North-Hampton; Mrs. Abby Lawton, Hillsborough; Mrs. Mary Pillsbury, Mrs. F. P. M. Stearns, and Mrs. Farwell, Fitchburg, Mass. Adjourned.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches in the following proportions: viz., one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, and the permanent officers of the Association, shall be members, *ex officiis*. Thirteen members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrines contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the christian church in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness.

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon, by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service, the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The secretary shall read the certificates of delegates and report the names of members; when

the Association shall be organized by the choice of a moderator, a scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the 1st day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the District Associations, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each District Association connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Association shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns with respect to the number in the churches shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of July.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to make all nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations, which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication.* They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon*, two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, and addresses and statements on the same subject. After which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses, respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and followed by the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union, and such other societies as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. The Association shall give place for two hours, if necessary, to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Bible Society.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock, the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. RULES. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The moderator may speak on points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: viz., Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the moderator.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. 1. This Association will maintain fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have

the privilege of sitting with us and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

XI. EXPENSES. The cost of printing the Minutes and other necessary expenses of this Association shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,*	1790	Vacant.			3	4	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Campton,	1774	J. B. Hadley	Sept. 20, 1838	Oct. 13, 1858	28	56	25	109	9	2	11	4	2	0	6	0	3	160
Center-Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Almon Benson	Dec. 23, 1840	Dec. 23, 1840	15	24	15	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	65
Danbury,	Feb. 4, 1809	Vacant.			32	34	0	66	4	1	5	0	3	1	4	0	0	75
Gilmanton Center,	March 8, 1825	Joseph Blake	March 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	37	57	21	115	2	1	3	2	7	0	9	2	3	72
Groton, }	1803	Liba Conant	May 29, 1823	S. S.	12	17	0	29	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	90
Hebron, }	1779				12	30	3	45	2	5	7	2	1	0	3	1	0	110
Laconia,	July 26, 1824	J. K. Young, D. D.	Sept. 1, 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	40	95	40	175	0	0	0	7	4	1	12	0	1	170
Meredith,	Sept. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	18	36	10	64	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	70
Plymouth,	1765	W. R. Jewett	Jan. 18, 1837	June 25, 1845	30	70	34	134	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	160
Sanbornton,	1771	J. Boutwell	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	44	86	16	146	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	135
Sandwich	August, 1814	R. Parkinson	Oct. 18, 1848	S. S.	12	19	15	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	68
Thornton,		Vacant.			4	7	0	11	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total, 13.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 7. S. S., 2.			287	545	180	1002	19	11	30	18	24	2	44	3	10	1175

*Not embraced in the Summary.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, ordained November 18, 1806; Enoch Corser, Boscawen; John Clark, Plymouth, ordained 1835.

WM. R. JEWETT, Plymouth, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

2. DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Vacant.			25	55	0	80	0	1	1	2	4	0	6	0	1	100
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes,	May, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	23	37	9	69	3	2	5	0	4	0	4	2	0	150
Candia,	1770	E. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841	Nov. 2, 1859	85	126	28	239	8	5	13	7	1	0	8	2	4	178
Chester,	Oct. 21, 1731	H. O. Howland,	Dec., 1846	Aug. 12, 1857	52	122	21	195	5	1	6	2	9	0	11	1	0	182
Deerfield,	1766	U. W. Condit,	Oct. 28, 1850	July 10, 1855	46	74	18	138	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Derry, 1st Ch.,	1749 and 1809	Vacant.			57	99	49	205	0	1	1	8	0	0	8	0	0	100
Derry Village,	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	24	84	23	131	4	4	8	3	1	0	4	3	1	100
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	Theo. C. Pratt,		1859	17	55	8	80	4	2	16	4	2	0	6	10	0	150
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Wm. T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851	S. S., 1858	18	51	14	83	14	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	100
Plaistow,	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Burrows,	June 1, 1836	S. S., 1859	23	62	3	88	0	5	5	2	2	0	4	0	1	90
Raymond,	July 4, 1791	Geo. W. Sargent,	Dec. 21, 1859	Dec. 21, 1859	60	82	18	160	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	140
Salem,	Jan., 1739	John Lawrence,		1848 S. S., 1860	17	46	5	68	7	3	12	0	3	0	3	5	1	125
Windham, Pres.	1742	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	48	81	11	140	1	0	1	7	2	0	9	1	2	200
Total, 13.		Vacant Churches, 2.	Pastors, 8.	S. S., 3.	495	974	207	1676	46	30	76	31	26	0	57	24	8	1715

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. Isaac Jones, ordained February 7, 1816.

LICENTIATE. Henry L. Boltwood, Derry.

H. O. HOWLAND, Chester, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

3. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	E. D. Eldridge,	June 12, 1849	S. S.	6	24	3	33	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	96
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball,	Jan. 27, 1841	S. S. Feb. 1,'56	20	63	19	102	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	3	125
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Vacant.			6	23	7	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843	S. S. 1848	21	53	3	77	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	100
Moultonboro'1stCh	March 12, 1777	Vacant.			13	27	8	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moultonboro'2d Ch	Sept. 3, 1855	Vacant.			5	6	0	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806	Horace Wood,	July 10, 1839	S. S. May, 1848	22	35	13	70	0	0	0	3	0	2	5	0	0	70
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddell,	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	41	73	37	151	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	160
Tuftonboro',	1839	Vacant.			2	7	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wolfboro',	June 17, 1834	John Wood,	1840	S. S. Jan., 1859	19	41	2	62	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	75
Wakefield,	1785	Vacant.			8	21	15	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	50
Wolfboro', North,	June 19, 1839	Vacant.			16	28	19	63	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 5.	Pastors, 1.	S. S., 5.	179	400	127	706	2	3	5	13	3	2	18	1	8	708

WITHOUT CHARGE. Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth, ordained June 18, 1827; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained November 1, 1826; Joshua Dodge, Moultonborough, ordained December 21, 1808; Thomas L. Ambrose, Missionary, Persia.

JOHN WOOD, Wolfborough, *Scribe.* NATHANIEL BARKER, Wakefield, *Statistical Scribe.*

4. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	Josiah G. Davis,	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	68	141	23	232	4	3	7	2	6	0	8	3	4	183
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin,	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	26	37	1	64	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	2	0	110
Hollis,	Before 1743	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	91	148	14	253	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	1	6	250
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	37	58	26	121	1	1	2	4	2	0	6	1	2	160
Mason, 2d Ch.,	June 3, 1847	George E. Fisher,	Feb. 27, 1850	June 22, 1859	22	58	48	128	2	4	6	1	1	0	2	2	1	90
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	Vacant.			6	12	21	39	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	1	0	0
Milford,	1788	S. C. Kendall,	Mar. 29, 1854	April 7, 1858	70	169	56	295	2	0	2	5	9	0	14	0	0	350
Nashua, 1st	1685	Charles J. Hill,	Jan. 28, 1857	Jan. 28, 1857	76	265	116	457	3	8	11	5	18	0	23	2	4	564
" Olive St.,	1834	A. Richards, D. D.	Nov. 7, 1827	April 6, 1836	86	182	180	448	3	5	8	3	6	0	9	2	1	240
" Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	Vacant.			57	158	54	269	5	5	10	0	13	0	13	2	1	397
New-Ipswich, 1st,	Oct. 22, 1760	Samuel Lee,	Nov. 4, 1830	May 5, 1836	64	120	25	209	1	2	3	1	3	0	4	0	0	116
" " 2d,	Oct. 9, 1851	Vacant.			27	52	13	92	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	1	91
Mont-Vernon,	Sept. 1780	Charles E. Lord,	May 8, 1844	Feb. 11, 1857	40	81	20	141	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	135
Rindge,	Dec. 1765	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	79	126	7	212	0	1	1	2	6	0	8	0	3	300
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1761	George Goodyear,	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	27	63	18	108	2	0	2	4	1	0	5	1	0	140
Wilton, 2d Ch.,	May 16, 1823	Vacant.			26	63	27	116	0	3	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	150
Total, 16.		Vacant Churches, 4.		Pastors, 12.	802	1733	649	3184	31	36	67	36	71	0	107	15	24	3276

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained October 13, 1802; E. M. Kellogg, Nashua, ordained October 26, 1842; E. H. Greeley, Nashua, ordained November 7, 1845, and Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained January 13, 1819; Wm. Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, ordained October 17, 1832.

LICENTIATES. Augustus Berry, Henniker; Sylvanus Hayward, New-Ipswich; S. M. Freeland, Nashua.

THEOPHILUS P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe*. CHARLES J. HILL, Nashua, *Statistical Scribe*.

5. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.	....	.....	5	10	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boscawen, East,	Oct. 8, 1740	A. Smith,	July 9, 1850	June 15, 1853	48	85	25	158	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	2	125
Boscawen, West,	Sept. 10, 1804	E. Buxton,	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	54	81	29	164	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	0	5	200
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	16	24	10	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	Wm. S. Spaulding,	Sept. 18, 1848	S. S. Mar. 1859	22	49	11	82	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	100
Canterbury,	Unknown.	H. Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	Nov. 22, 1843	27	51	32	110	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	100
Concord, First,	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.,	Mar. 23, 1825	Mar. 23, 1825	53	147	38	238	2	13	15	5	5	0	10	2	1	180
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson,	Mar. 1, 1860	Mar. 1, 1860	30	58	20	108	0	8	8	0	4	0	4	0	6	80
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	H. E. Parker,	Mar. 13, 1849	May 14, 1851	90	183	47	320	7	10	17	2	4	0	6	3	4	300
Concord, West,	April 22, 1833	Asa P. Tenney,	June. 1828	April 23, 1833	54	108	36	198	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	0	150
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	A. Wm. Fiske,	May 8, 1833	May 20, 1857	24	60	7	91	0	14	14	1	3	0	4	0	3	142
Franklin,	June 11, 1822	William T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	26	66	41	133	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	200
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	36	87	50	173	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	2	4	200
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	18	2	27	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	Vacant.	.....	.....	73	100	25	198	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
Northfield & S. Br.	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	39	76	39	154	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	160
Pembroke,	Mar. 12, 1808	L. Goodrich,	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	32	75	30	137	0	1	1	3	6	0	9	0	4	220
Salisbury,	Nov. 17, 1773	Horatio Merrill,	May 7, 1845	May 19, 1858	24	53	2	79	3	0	3	3	0	4	7	2	0	119
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	Daniel Warren,	Dec. 7, 1825	Oct. 21, 1857	25	59	10	94	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	135
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	J. L. Ames	June 25, 1846	Nov. 10, 1859	19	33	4	56	2	12	14	0	0	0	0	1	1	76
Total, 20.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 15. S. S., 1.			704	1323	459	2586	22	61	83	29	41	5	75	13	33	2697

WITHOUT CHARGE. Ebenezer Price, Boston, Mass., ordained September 26, 1804; Wm. Patrick, Boscawen, ordained October 26, 1808; Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831.

LICENTIATES. Levi Little, West Boscawen; Henry E. Sawyer, Concord.

LEWIS GOODRICH, Pembroke, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

6. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,	Oct. 15, 1802	Tho's H. Johnson,	Oct., 1852	S.S.Sept., 1858	10	19	6	35	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Colebrook,	Dec. 4, 1802	Henry M. Bridge,	1849	Aug. 6, 1860	14	20	18	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	82
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Vacant.			5	13	6	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Franconia,	April, 1814	Tho's H. Johnson,	Oct., 1852	S.S.Sept., 1852	5	13	3	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Lancaster,	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay,	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	37	86	8	131	1	6	7	1	4	0	5	1	0	148
Littleton,	1803	Charles E. Milliken,	Pastor Elect.		27	73	16	116	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	180
Shelburne,	1818	Vacant.			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Joseph B. Hill,	Aug., 1830	S. S. 1857	13	17	7	37	0	3	3	5	1	0	6	0	0	70
Total, 8.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 2. S. S., 2.			111	241	64	416	1	11	12	10	7	0	17	1	1	720

* In this table I have arranged all the churches of Coös county. They are not all connected with Lancaster Association. Some are ministerially associated with churches in Vermont, and one with churches in Maine. J. G. D.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Josiah Morse, Northumberland, ordained February, 1833; preaches at Guildhall, Vt.

T. H. JOHNSON, Bethlehem, and PRESCOTT FAY, Lancaster, *Acting Statistical Scribes.*

7. MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bedford,	1750	Thomas Savage,	1822	July 5, 1826	49	95	7	151	0	0	0	4	11	0	15	0	15	175
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	John M. Putnam,	Dec. 18, 1820	July 8, 1830	41	64	21	126	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	6	180
Goffstown,	1801	John W. Ray,	Jan., 1858	S. S. 1857	33	81	14	128	0	4	4	7	0	0	7	0	0	205
Hooksett,	1828	Marvin Leffingwell,	July, 1844	S.S. July, 1860	4	13	18	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
Hudson,	1841	Vacant.	.....	.....	11	38	6	55	0	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	50
Litchfield, Pres.	Reorg'd 1844	E Newhall,	Jan., 1824	Sept., 1854	4	15	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Londonderry, Pres.	1735	William House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	56	104	30	190	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	4	238
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1828	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	85	229	80	394	6	8	14	2	12	0	14	5	5	445
Franklin Street Ch.	June 27, 1844	W. H. Fenn,	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	38	130	77	242	8	6	14	1	6	0	7	2	1	212
Presbyterian Ch.	1859	Geo. A. Bowman,	Aug. 9, 1848	S. S. 1859	4	13	4	21	7	16	23	2	0	0	2	6	2	60
Christian Miss. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Vacant.	.....	.....	5	15	25	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100
Merrimack,	1771	Rev. E. J. Hart,	Jan. 2, 1856	Jan. 2, 1856	58	105	22	185	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	0	1	180
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 7. S. S., 3.			385	902	304	1591	23	39	62	21	35	2	58	14	35	1935

WITHOUT CHARGE. Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent N. H. Bible Society.

CYRUS W. WALLACE, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

8. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1777	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846	S. S. 1860	8	23	26	57	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	83
Alstead, Paper Mill	1842	Darwin Adams,	July 16, 1828	S. S. 1860	5	11	7	23	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Alstead, New,	1788	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, 1829	June 16, 1852	26	46	21	93	1	1	2	2	6	2	10	0	1	140
Chesterfield,	1771	Jeffries Hall,	June 5, 1833	S. S. 1858	6	26	4	36	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	70
Dublin,	1827	N. W. Sheldon,		S. S. 1860	5	28	12	45	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord,	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	44	86	14	144	3	1	4	2	5	0	7	2	2	200
Gilsum,	1772	Ezra Adams,	April 28, 1840	Mar. 19, 1851	15	23	1	39	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	1	90
Harrisville,	1840	Wm. G. Tuttle, *	April 16, 1851	April 16, 1851	10	16	22	48	0	2	2	0	5	2	7	0	0	110
Hinsdale,	1821	Moses H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	31	66	8	105	3	0	3	4	4	0	8	2	3	120
Jaffrey,	1780	John S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	25	59	30	114	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	1	3	150
Jaffrey, East,	1850	F. D. Austin,	June 23, 1853	S. S. 1857	22	52	4	78	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	110
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow, D.D. (July 1, 1818); J. A. Hamilton, (Not ord'd.)		Colleague.	62	225	9	296	4	5	9	3	4	0	7	2	2	293
Marlborough,	1778	Giles Lyman,	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S. 1840	20	50	29	99	1	0	1	3	9	0	12	1	3	115
Nelson,	1781	A. H. Cutter, †	June 21, 1841	S. S. 1856	23	42	27	92	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	1	100
Roxbury,	1816	Tho's W. Duncan,	June 13, 1821	S. S. 1858	5	9	3	17	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	45
Stoddard,	1787	Samuel L. Gerould,	Not ordained	S. S. 1860	1	23	6	30	1	0	1	1	5	0	6	0	4	40
Sullivan,	1792	George W. Stinson,	April 19, 1856	S. S. 1859	27	49	13	89	1	3	4	1	1	0	2	0	5	120
Surry,	1769	Edward F. Abbott,	Aug. 19, 1846	S. S. 1860	3	8	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Swanzey,	1741	John G. Wilson,	Dec. 12, 1851	June 29, 1859	19	44	5	68	2	10	12	1	5	0	6	1	5	135
Troy,	1815	Vacant.			16	31	18	65	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	120
Walpole,	1761	John M. Stow,	Jan. 31, 1855	Jan. 31, 1855	18	69	7	94	0	1	1	7	0	0	7	0	1	117
Westmoreland,	1764	K. B. Glidden,	June 19, 1860	S. S. 1860	20	47	13	80	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	90
" Evan.	1853	Oscar Bissell,	May 14, 1856	May 14, 1856	6	12	5	23	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	30
Winchester,	1736	John P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	49	90	33	172	0	5	5	3	4	0	7	0	2	180
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 10. S. S., 12.			466	1135	320	1921	24	37	61	37	60	5	102	11	34	2088

*Dismissed in August. † Died in July.

WITHOUT CHARGE. John Woods, Fitzwilliam, ordained June 22, 1814; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained August 7, 1831; Luther Townsend, Troy, ordained March 5, 1845; H. G. Park, Walpole, ordained December 16, 1829.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

9. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,	1791	William Page,	Dec. 4, 1840	S.S. June, 1859	25	78	32	135	4	4	8	1	9	0	10	2	6	233
Canaan,	1799	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828	S.S.Aug., 1853	6	19	6	31	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	1	1	65
Dorchester,	May 20, 1828	Daniel Pulsifer,		S. S. 1860	7	14	1	22	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	65
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson,	Oct. 16, 1858	Oct. 16, 1858	37	102	37	176	7	5	12	8	6	0	14	4	0	175
Hanover-Center,	May 16, 1810	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S. 1857	23	42	30	95	0	5	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	70
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	120	210	36	366	3	4	7	5	4	0	9	2	1	281
Orford,	April 30, 1822	Vacant.			15	43	20	78	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	150
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Vacant.		S. S. 1858	22	56	18	86	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	55
Piermont,	Mar. 10, 1803	A. L. Marden,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1860	46	67	21	134	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	75
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Silas M. Blanchard,	Oct. 27, 1853	Mar. 2, 1853	8	23	22	53	0	5	5	1	2	0	3	0	3	200
Total, 10.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 3. S. S., 6.			309	654	223	1186	16	23	39	25	34	0	59	9	13	1369

WITHOUT CHARGE. Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Hanover, ordained 1809; Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816; Enos Merrill, Orford, ordained November 6, 1816—S. S., Fairlee, Vt.; Winsor A. Smith, Orford, ordained December 12, 1839.

LICENTIATES. L. B. Whittemore, Orfordville; Wm. S. Palmer, John Eaton, Andover; S. Gerould, Canaan.

W. A. SMITH, Orford, *Statistical Scribe.*

10. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	P'r.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barrington,	June 18, 1775	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S.S. Sept.1,'59	13	21	10	44	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	150
Brentwood,	Reorg'd 1756	Hugh McLeod,	June 27, 1855	Feb. 17, 1859	19	50	8	77	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	175
Dover, 1st Ch.	Jan. 7, 1639	E. H. Richardson,	May 18, 1854	Dec. 10, 1856	54	169	115	338	3	0	3	5	6	0	11	1	4	229
Dover, Belknap Ch.	Sept. 3, 1856	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1847	Sept. 3, 1856	10	47	14	71	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	130
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20. 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	11	54	10	75	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	0	0	85
Exeter, 1st Ch	1638; R. 1698	Vacant.			51	93	4	148	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	0	92
Exeter, 2d Ch.	Jan., 1744	O. T. Lanphear,	Oct. 25, 1849	Feb. 12, 1858	34	107	2	143	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	2	75
Epping,	Dec., 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S. June,1857	14	22	2	38	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	105
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852	Mar. 27, 1860	9	31	4	44	2	7	9	1	3	0	4	2	0	109
Great-Falls, 1st Ch.	Jan. 16, 1827	G. N. Anthony,	Oct. 3, 1855	Oct. 3, 1855	42	102	26	170	6	0	6	3	2	1	6	3	3	350
Great-Falls, 2d Ch.	1857	Vacant.			15	37	8	60	2	2	4	1	5	0	6	1	2	75
Greenland,	July 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	11	47	4	62	12	1	13	0	1	0	1	7	0	67
Hampton,	1638	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855	Oct. 31, 1855	61	124	23	208	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	5	140
H.Falls & Seabrook	1837	Vacant.			11	14	5	30	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	0	0
Kensington,	R'd Oct.9,1859	Geo. W. Campbell,		S. S. 1859	2	17	0	19	10	8	18	0	0	0	0	6	0	60
Kingston,	Sept. 17, 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	11	37	11	59	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	1	0	100
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, 1825	S. S. 1846	9	27	0	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	178
Newmarket,	Mar. 7, 1828	Elias Chapman,	Nov. 26, 1845	S. S. 1858	15	23	10	48	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	60
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1852	Nov. 18, 1852	55	100	24	179	0	1	1	4	0	2	6	0	4	200
Portsmouth,	1671	Vacant.			66	203	46	315	0	1	1	8	9	1	13	0	0	196
Rochester,	1737	J. M. Palmer,	May 23, 1854	April 26, 1859	20	96	3	119	6	9	15	1	1	0	2	4	3	80
Rye,	July 10, 1726	Israel T. Otis,	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1844	29	74	9	112	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	75
Salmon-Falls,	May 1, 1846	Dana B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838	Aug. 11, 1858	10	35	43	88	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	75
South-Newmarket,	1730	Winthrop Fifield,	May 10, 1837	S. S. 1852	11	21	7	39	3	4	7	1	0	0	1	3	3	58
Stratham,	1746	Edward C. Miles,	June 29, 1860	June 29, 1860	15	38	13	66	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	29
Total, 25.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 15. S. S., 6.			598	1589	401	2588	52	42	94	43	48	6	97	35	28	*2993

*In addition to the 2,993 scholars reported above, there are 170 belonging to Mission Sabbath Schools, making a total of 3,163 scholars.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained May 24, 1834; R. M. Sawyer, Great-Falls, ordained October 15, 1852; Rev. John LeBosquet preaches at Newington.

LICENTIATE. Mr. Mason Moore preaches at Lee.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

11. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	Mar. 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	Mar. 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	60	89	21	170	1	4	5	6	3	0	9	0	2	175
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	Joseph Garland,	June 21, 1848	S. S.	8	39	20	58	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	115
Claremont,	Uncertain.	Rob't F. Lawrence,	Jan. 29, 1834	Jan. 16, 1839	58	137	45	240	4	7	11	5	5	1	11	2	2	150
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	21	36	19	76	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	75
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			5	12	12	29	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	0
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805	Vacant.			45	75	115	235	10	8	18	0	4	0	4	6	0	160
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	Wm. F. Baldwin,	Oct. 4, 1854		9	15	0	24	4	11	15	1	0	0	1	1	4	30
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Henry Richardson,	Nov. 23, 1831	S. S. Mar. 1850	16	29	9	54	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	60
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Andrew Jaquith,	April 25, 1860	S. S.	8	23	10	41	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	65
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	44	103	5	152	2	5	7	2	5	0	7	1	3	125
Lempster, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1781	Robert W. Fuller,	June 16, 1841	S.S. July, 1856	32	53	9	94	0	4	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	95
Lempster, 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837				8	14	6	28	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	50
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	27	40	39	106	3	4	7	2	0	0	2	0	2	100
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	68	121	55	244	0	1	1	6	0	1	7	0	1	193
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Jacob Scales,	Dec. 27, 1820	S. S. Oct., 1842	4	17	8	29	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Washington,	May 18, 1780 / May 9, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S.S. July, 1844	4	20	8	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842	June 26, 1851	35	62	5	102	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	120
Total, 17.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 7. S. S., 7.			452	876	386	1714	30	46	76	29	29	2	60	12	16	1598

Without Charge. David Kimball, Hanover, ordained June 22, 1822; Charles B. Haddock, D. D., West Lebanon, ordained November 8, 1824; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; John N. Putnam, Hanover, ordained October 6, 1852; Elihu T. Rowe, Meriden, ordained May 29, 1845.

Licentiate. Cyrus S. Richards, Meriden.

Henry Cummings, Newport, *Scribe.* Rufus Case, West Lebanon, *Statistical Scribe.*

12. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	W. O. Carr,	Licentiate.	Sept. 1, 1859	53	76	63	192	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	150
Chichester,	1791	Joshua S. Gray,	Jan. 27, 1848	S.S. Aug.1,'57	27	44	33	104	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	107
Epsom,	1761	Vacant.			26	51	9	86	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	101
Gilmanton, 1st Ch.,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.			7	18	7	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40
" Iron W'ks	Oct. 12, 1830	Jairus Ordway,	April 26, 1848	S.S ,Mar.1,'56	31	48	28	107	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	98
Loudon, 1st Ch.,	1789	Vacant.			18	37	10	65	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	60
Loudon, 2d Ch.,	Aug. 14, 1828	Vacant.			10	19	9	38	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	45
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	Henry C. Fay	Dec. 29, 1857	Dec. 29, 1858	45	85	19	149	4	6	10	0	1	0	1	1	9	150
Nottingham,	1840	Jacob Hood,	Nov. 16, 1859	S. S., 1858	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	Dec. 12, 1854	47	112	40	199	0	3	3	1	3	0	4	0	0	154
Total, 10.		Vacant Churches, 5.	Pastors, 2.	S. S., 3.	266	488	218	972	6	12	18	5	8	0	13	2	14	985

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jeremiah Blake, Barnstead, ordained November 1, 1838; Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke; E. H. Caswell, Hooksett, ordained June 28, 1848; Enoch Corser, Boscawen, ordained March, 1817.

LICENTIATE. Augustus L. Marden, Chichester.

J. A. HOOD, Pittsfield, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

13. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.,	1788	J. H. Bates,	Mar. 16, 1853	Mar. 16, 1853	46	87	24	157	0	2	2	13	1	0	14	0	2	162
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	Wm. Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S. Mar. 1859	14	38	3	55	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	85
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1789	Vacant.			9	30	6	45	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	3	0	65
Francestown,	1773	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	87	164	46	297	5	9	14	3	1	0	4	3	3	396
Greenfield, 1st Ch.	Sept. 7, 1792	Lyman B. Marshall,	Oct., 1856	S. S. 1860	30	46	25	101	2	2	4	3	2	0	5	1	1	95
Greenfield, Ev. Ch.	Jan. 8, 1834	D. Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	S. S. 1860	28	43	42	113	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	0	100
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	52	84	19	155	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	3	215
Hillsboro' Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	Vacant.			17	33	7	54	0	0	0	1	7	0	8	0	0	0
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 29, 1839	H. Brickett,	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S.	18	53	2	73	3	1	4	3	1	0	4	3	3	169
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	45	63	18	126	1	0	1	5	1	0	6	0	3	178
New-Boston, Pres.	1768	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	57	117	21	195	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	2	5	220
Peterboro', Un'n Ev	April 21, 1858	Geo. Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	28	53	2	83	2	9	11	2	3	0	5	1	2	165
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 6. S. S., 4.			428	811	215	1454	30	24	54	39	19	0	58	13	22	1850

WITHOUT CHARGE. Daniel McClenning, Peterborough.

LICENTIATE. M. N. Root, Francestown.

CHARLES CUTLER, Francestown, *Scribe*. E. B. CLAGGETT, Lyndeborough, *Statistical Scribe*.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch'b Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Tot.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Tot.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,	3	13	7	2	3	12	0	284	531	179	994	19	11	30	18	24	2	44	3	10	1175
2. Derry,	2	13	8	3	1	12	1	447	903	196	1546	46	30	76	31	26	0	57	24	8	1515
3. Harmony,	6	12	1	5	3	10	0	179	400	127	706	2	3	5	13	3	2	18	1	8	708
4. Hollis,	4	16	12	0	5	17	3	802	1783	649	3184	31	36	67	36	71	0	107	15	24	3276
5. Hopkinton,	4	20	15	1	3	19	2	704	1323	459	2586	22	61	83	29	41	5	75	13	33	2597
6. Lancaster,	1	8	3	2	1	6	0	111	241	64	416	1	11	12	10	7	0	17	1	1	720
7. Manchester,	2	12	7	3	1	11	0	385	902	304	1591	23	39	62	21	35	2	58	14	35	1935
8. Monadnock,	3	24	10	12	4	26	0	466	1135	320	1921	24	37	61	37	60	5	102	11	34	2688
9. Orange,	1	10	3	4	3	10	5	309	654	223	1186	16	23	39	25	34	0	59	9	13	1369
10. Piscataqua,	4	25	15	6	3	24	1	598	1589	401	2588	52	42	94	43	48	6	97	35	28	3163
11. Sullivan,	2	17	7	7	5	19	1	452	876	386	1714	30	46	76	29	29	2	60	12	16	1593
12. Suncook,	5	10	2	3	4	10	1	266	488	218	972	6	12	18	5	8	0	13	2	14	985
13. Union,	2	12	6	4	1	11	1	428	811	215	1454	30	24	54	39	19	0	58	13	22	1850
Total, 13.	39	192	96	52	37	187	15	5431	11586	3741	20758	302	375	677	336	405	24	765	153	246	23574

EXPLANATIONS AND REMARKS.

The returns which are printed in the preceding tables embrace a period of eleven months, and consequently represent the membership of our churches on the 30th of June. Hereafter, the statistical year will commence with the first day of July. Changes in the ministry, if known, are introduced until the time of going to press. In the printed tables, 0 means none, and blanks indicate ignorance or neglect.

ASSOCIATIONS. In the present arrangement of the tables, the churches formerly printed under the name of Caledonia Association are now placed with the churches of Lancaster. This union, which may be justified on several grounds, reduces the number of Associations to 13, and explains the changes in their numerical standing.

CHURCHES. Three churches are added to the list published last year—two of them new churches: the Presbyterian church in Manchester, organized in 1859, having 21 members, and the Congregational church, Kensington, organized October 9, 1859, with 19 members. The church in Shelburne, now inserted in the table of the Lancaster Association, has hitherto been reported with the churches of Maine. Of the 192 churches connected with the General Association, 7 are Presbyterian; 185 Congregational; 96 have settled pastors; 58 employ stated supplies; 5 are supplied by licentiates, and 39 are vacant.

MEMBERS. The returns of membership are more accurate this year than ever before; the figures in most cases representing only living persons. Additions by profession 302, by letter 375; total, 677. Removals by death 336, by dismission 405, by exclusion 24; total, 765—a decrease of 88 members. The deaths exceed the additions by profession by 34. The number dismissed exceeds the number received from other churches by 30. The loss of 8 per cent on the numbers received, corresponds very nearly with the ratio of our losses from this source in previous years. In the tables of last year, absentees were in some instances counted twice; errors from this source have seldom occurred in the present tables. Hence, with a decrease of 88 members, we report, on comparison with last year's membership (21,120), a net loss of 362—the present membership being 20,758. In the diligent use of all the appliances at command, I have not been able to obtain returns from the churches in Hopkinton, Bridgewater and Shelburne, in time to give particulars in the summary. Last year, they

reported 210 members, of which Hopkinton had 198. I have allowed this number to be embraced in the summary as an approximation to the membership of the three. Should the returns arrive in season, they will be inserted in the tables, but the footings will be unchanged. Whenever the churches shall comply promptly with the request of our printed schedule, by making their returns in July, the minutes will be printed early in September.

DEATHS. The following ministers, whose names are on the catalogue of last year, have been removed by death: viz., ENOS GEORGE, of Barnstead, October 20, 1859; he was born at South-Hampton, June 2, 1781, ordained September 26, 1804, and continued in the same pastorate over 55 years; JONATHAN WARD, February 24, 1860; born at Plymouth, August 24, 1769, settled at Alma, Me., Plymouth, and Brentwood; JOHN W. SHEPHERD, at Nashua, May 25, 1860, aged 72; JOHN M. C. BARTLEY, at Kittery, Me., June 2, 1860, aged 61; STEPHEN MERRILL, of North Wolfborough, June 23, 1860, aged 69; NOAH EMERSON, at Shinnecock Reservation, July 8, 1860, aged 71; ADONIJAH H. CUTTER, of Nelson, July 19, 1860, aged 53, ordained June 21, 1841; DANIEL L. FRENCH, of Hudson, July 20, 1860, aged 63, ordained 1840.

DISMISSIONS. The pastoral relation has been dissolved by the dismission of the following ministers: March 1, 1860, Rev. Daniel Goodhue, from the Congregational Church in Danbury; March 28, 1860, Rev. Marshall B. Angier, from the Congregational Church in Hopkinton; May 18, 1860, Rev. Edward H. Greeley, from the Pearl Street Church in Nashua; May 23, 1860, Rev. Luther Townsend, from the Congregational Church in Troy; August 15, 1860, Rev. John H. Merrill, from the Congregational Church in Tamworth; August 22, 1860, Rev. William G. Tuttle, from the Congregational Church in Harrisville.

INSTALLATIONS. The pastoral relation has been established by the installation of the following ministers: viz., October 2, 1859, Rev. E. N. Hidden, over the Church in Candia; October 19, 1859, Mr. George Dustan, over the Union Evangelical Church in Peterborough; November 10, 1859, Rev. J. L. Arms, over the Church in Wilmot; December 21, 1859, Mr. Geo. W. Sargent, over the Church in Raymond; March 1, 1860, Mr. E. O. Jameson, over the Church in East Concord; March 27, 1860, Rev. Roger M. Sargent, over the Church in Farmington; April 18, 1860, Rev. Daniel Goodwin, over the Church in Mason; June 13, 1860, Rev. Joseph Blake, over the Church in Gilmanton Center; June 28, 1860, Mr. Edward C. Miles, over the Church in Stratham; August 6, 1860, Rev. Henry M. Bridge, over the Church in Colebrook; August 15, 1860, Rev. Samuel H. Riddell, over the Church in Tamworth.

ORDINATIONS. The following persons have been ordained as Evangelists: October 18, 1859, Mr. Charles T. Melvin, at Chester; October 19,

1859, Mr. Edward P. Tenney, at West Concord; November 15, 1859, Mr. Jacob Hood, at Nottingham; April 21, 1860, Mr. Lysander T. Burbank, at Fitzwilliam; April 25, 1860, Mr. Andrew Jaquith, at Langdon.

The Catalogue contains the names of all Congregational and Presbyterian ministers residing in the State, or connected with the Association, whose P. O. address I have been able to obtain. All embarrassment in preparing this list would be avoided, if ministers who change their residences would communicate the facts to the statistical secretary without delay. It should also be remembered that the name of the town or of the church with which they become connected is not always the same with that of the post-office.

LICENTIATES. The whole number of Licentiates reported is 15. Of this number 5 are employed as stated supplies. In a few instances, the names of licentiates are by courtesy introduced into the tables, on the supposition that they are preaching as candidates for the pastoral office. When this is not the case, and the arrangement is likely to continue, I assume that this objectionable relation would not be approved by the Association.

CONFERENCES. In the next issue of the Minutes of this Association, I hope to furnish a table of all the Conferences, with the names of the permanent officers, the place and time of meeting, with the number of churches belonging to each. It is also desirable to embody such facts concerning their efforts for the promotion of Christ's Kingdom as are of historical importance. Any suggestions or corrections, which will make our annual record more accurate and complete, will be gladly received by the Statistical Secretary.

J. G. DAVIS.

AMHERST, October 8, 1860.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Adams Ezra, Gilsum. 8.
Adams John, Hanover Center. 9.
Adams Darwin, Paper Mill Village.
Aiken Charles A., Hanover.
Alden Lucius, Newcastle. 10.
Anthony George N., Marlboro', Mass. 10.
Arms Josiah L., Wilmot. 5.
Austin Franklin D., East Jaffrey. 8.
Baldwin William F., Enfield. 11.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 3.
Barstow Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 8.
Batchelder John S., Jaffrey. 8.
Bates John H., Pres., Antrim. 13.
Benson Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Bigelow Asahel, Hancock. 13.
Bissell Oscar, Westmoreland. 8.
Blake Jeremiah, Barnstead. 12.
Blake Joseph, Gilmanton.
Blanchard Amos, Meriden. 11.
Blanchard Silas M., Wentworth. 9.
Bodwell Abraham, Sanbornton. 1.
Bouton Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Boutwell James, Sanbornton. 1.
Bowman George A., Pres., Manchester. 7.
Bradford Dana B., Salmon Falls. 10.
Brickett Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 13.
Bridge Henry M., Colebrook. 6.
Brown Samuel G., D. D., Hanover.
Burnham Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 4.
Burnham Charles, Meredith. 1.
Buxton Edward, Webster. 5.
Case Rufus, West Lebanon. 11.
Caswell Enoch H., Bristol. 12.
Chapman Elias, Great Falls. 10.
Claggett Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 13.
Claggett William, Bennington. 13.
Clark John, Plymouth. 1.
Clark William, Amherst. 4.
Cogswell Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston. 13.
Colby John, Hampton. 10.
Conant Liba, Hebron. 1.
Condit Uzal W., Deerfield. 2.
Corser Enoch, Boscawen. 12.
Cummings Henry, Newport. 11.
Cummings Jacob, Exeter. 10.
Curtice Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 1.
Cutler Charles, Francestown. 13.
Dame Charles, Exeter.
Davis Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day Pliny B., Hollis. 4.
Dinsmore John, North-Hampton. 10.
Dodge Joshua, Moultonborough. 3.
Doldt James, Milton. 3.
Downs Charles A., Lebanon. 11.
Duncan Thomas W., Roxbury. 8.
Dustan George, Peterborough. 13.
Eaton Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Emerson John D., Haverhill. 9.
Fay Prescott, Lancaster. 6.
Fifield Winthrop, South-Newmarket. 10.
Fisher George E., Mason Village. 4.
Fiske Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster Amos, Acworth. 11.
Fuller Robert, Stowe, Mass. 11.
Gage William L., Portsmouth. 10.
Gay Joshua S., Chichester. 12.
Gerould Moses, Canaan. 9.
Glidden K. B., Westmoreland. 8.
Goodhue Daniel, Greenfield. 13.
Goodrich Lewis, Pembroke. 5.
Goodwin Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear George, Temple. 4.
Greeley Edward H., Nashua. 4.
Griswold John F., Washington. 11.
Haddock Chas. B., D. D., W. Lebanon. 11.
Hadley James B., Campton. 1.
Hall Jeffries, Chesterfield. 8.
Hart Edwin J., Reed's Ferry, Merrimack. 7.
Herrick William T., Pelham.
Hidden Ephraim N., Candia. 2.
Hill Charles J., Nashua. 4.

Hill Joseph B., West Stewartstown. 6.
Hills James, Hollis.
Holmes James, Auburn. 2.
Hood Jacob A., Pittsfield. 12.
House William, Pres., Londonderry. 7.
Howland Harrison O., Chester. 2.
Humphrey John P., Winchester. 8.
Jameson E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jennison Edwin, Winchester. 8.
Jewett John E. B., Jaffrey.
Jewett Leonard, Hollis.
Jewett William R., Plymouth. 1.
Johnson T. H., Bethlehem. 6.
Jones Isaac, Derry. 2.
Jordan Ebenezer S., Cumberland, Me. 4.
Kendall Henry A., Concord. 5.
Kendall Sylvanus C., Webster, Mass. 4.
Kellogg Erastus M., Nashua. 4.
Kimball David, Hanover. 11.
Kimball Reuben, Conway. 3.
Kingsbury Samuel, Tamworth. 3.
Lanphear Orpheus T., Exeter. 10.
Lawrence John, Salem. 2.
Lawrence Robert F., Claremont. 11.
LeBosquet John, Newington. 10.
Lee Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.
Leffingwell Marvin, Hooksett. 7.
Lord Charles E., Mont-Vernon. 4.
Lord Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 9.
Lyman Giles, Marlborough. 8.
Manning Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marshall Lyman, Greenfield. 13.
McClenning Daniel, Peterborough. 13.
McGee Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod Hugh, Brentwood. 10.
Mellish John H., Kingston. 10.
Merrill Enos, Orford. 9.
Merrill Horatio, Salisbury. 5.
Merrill John H., Bethel, Me. 2.
Milliken Charles E., Littleton. 6.
Moody Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Morse Josiah, Northumberland. 6.
Newhall Ebenezer, Pres., Litchfield. 7.
Noyes Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 11.
Ordway Jairus, Gilmanton I. Works. 12.
Otis Israel T., Rye. 10.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 2.
Page William, Bath. 9.
Palmer James M., Rochester. 10.
Parker Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parkinson Royal, Sandwich. 1.
Parsons Benjamin F., Dover. 10.
Parsons Ebenezer G., Derry. 2.
Patrick William, Boscawen. 5.
Pratt T. C., Hampstead. 2.
Price Ebenezer, Boston, Mass. 5.
Putnam John M., Dunbarton. 7.
Putnam John N., Hanover. 11.
Putnam Rufus A., Pembroke. 12.
Ray John W., Goffstown. 7.
Richards Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson Elias H., Dover. 10.
Richardson Henry, Goshen. 11.
Riddell Samuel H., Tamworth. 3.
Robie Edward, Greenland. 10.
Rowe Elihu T., Meriden. 11.
Sargent Roger M., Farmington. 10.
Sargent George W., Raymond.
Savage Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 7.
Savage William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Sawyer Daniel, Alstead. 8.
Sawyer R. M., Great Falls. 10.
Scales Jacob, Plainfield. 11.
Sheldon Nathaniel W., Dublin. 8.
Shurtleff Roswell, D. D., Hanover. 9.
Smith Ambrose, Boscawen. 5.
Smith Bezaleel, New Alstead. 8.
Smith Windsor A., Orford. 9.
Spaulding Alvah, Cornish. 11.
Spaulding William S., Bristol. 5.
Stearns Josiah H., Epping. 10.
Stinson George W., Sullivan. 8.
Stone Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stow John M., Walpole. 8.
Tenney Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenny Erdix, Lyme. 9.
Thayer Loren, Pres., Windham. 2.
Thompson George W., Stratham. 10.
Tobey Alvan, Durham. 10.
Townsend Luther, Loudon Center. 8.
Tuttle William G., Littleton, Mass. 8.
Wallace Cyrus W., Manchester. 7.
Warren Daniel, Warner. 5.
Wells Moses H., Hinsdale. 8.
Wells Theodore, Sanford, Me. 10.
White Broughton, Acworth.
White Seneca, Amherst.
Willey Charles, Barrington. 10.
Willey Isaac, Goffstown. 7.
Wilson John G., Swanzey. 8.
Wood Horace, Ossipee Center. 3.
Wood John, Wolfborough. 3.
Woods John, Fitzwilliam. 8.
Young John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.